

DR. HUDGINS TO ATTEND NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST IN WASHINGTON

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention Board, has accepted an invitation to attend the 21st annual National Prayer Breakfast to be held Feb. 1 at Washington, D. C., in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Present at the breakfast will be President and Mrs. Nixon and other leaders in the Executive, Judicial, Legislative, Diplomatic branches of the government.

The invitation came from the United States Congress.

FMB Names 171 In '72; Ups 'Quake' Aid

RICHMOND (BP) — In 1972 the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board sent out 171 new missionaries. This figure is down from the 226 sent out during 1971, and along with a high number of personnel losses, accounted for the first annual net loss in the board's missionary force since

1937, the board's trustees were told here.

Major actions of the Board in its meeting included appropriating \$10,000 for relief of Nicaraguan Baptists who suffered losses from the recent earthquake, appointing one new missionary and reappointing a couple who served formerly, and electing a fourth regional personnel representative.

Board members also heard reports on the agency's overseas personnel situation in light of last year's net loss in number of missionaries. Another report reviewed Southern Baptist actions so far in response to the Nicaraguan earthquake.

In his report, executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen said: "While we rejoice in the appointment of 171 missionaries in 1972, we are grieved because of missionary losses through the year, leaving our total number of missionaries at a lower point than when the year began."

For more than three decades the board has recorded annual net gains. At the end of 1972 the missionary force numbered 2,507, which is 19 fewer than one year earlier.

Louis R. Cobbs, missionary personnel secretary, presented a detailed profile of the personnel situation in a separate report.

Cobbs attributed the 1972 figure to a reduced number of church vocation volunteers among Southern Baptist college and university students in recent years and a slump in seminary enrollments in the mid and late 1960s.

An upward trend in the number of volunteers and seminarians improves the outlook for appointments during the mid-70s, Cobbs told board members here in their January meeting.

"There is now a change in mood among college and seminary students," he said, pointing to participation in youth revivals, WIN evangelism clinics, student mission projects, Bible study groups and evangelism programs, sponsored by Southern Baptists.

Cobbs reported that the 1972 appointees include 83 career missionaries, 11 missionary associates, 66 missionary journeymen, one special project physician and his wife, and nine reappointed missionaries.

Career appointments were down 37 from last year, Cobbs said. There were 17 fewer missionary associates and one less journeyman employed. Cobbs added that 58 of the career appointees were assigned to general evangelism.

Approximately 80 per cent of the

BWA Day Begins Mission of Reconciliation

WASHINGTON — Baptist World Alliance Sunday is being stretched to a weekend this year, as laymen and youth plan special Saturday rallies in support to the traditional Sunday worship services.

The occasion is observed the first

Sunday of each February, and falls on February 4 in 1973.

V. Carney Hargroves, president of the international Baptist fellowship estimated that as many as 110,000 congregations in a hundred countries will participate.

The date has special significance this year because it marks the formal start of the World Mission of Reconciliation. Through Jesus Christ, a three-year globe-encircling emphasis on evangelism and the application of Christian principles to all of life.

The Alliance in a voluntary association of 92 Baptist conventions and unions in 74 countries, with membership encompassing 27 million of the world's 31 million Baptists.

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Evangelism Conference Feb. 5-7

1200 Expected For Meeting In Tupelo

The annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference will be held at the Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo Feb. 5-7, according to Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of evangelism of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who will direct the meeting.

All day sessions will be held at the church auditorium with the two evening sessions to be conducted in the Tupelo High Civic Center Auditorium. Over 1200 Mississippi Baptist pastors and other local church and associational leaders from every section of the state are expecting to attend, Mr. Collum said.

The conference will open with the Monday evening session and adjourn at the close of the Wednesday morning session.

The three principal out-of-state speakers will be Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and immediate past-president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. H. Franklin Paschal, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and also former president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Dr. W. D. Lawes, associate director of the Division of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Evangelistic Bible study leader for each session will be Dr. Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Dr. Edwin McNeely, of Newton, well-known Southern and Mississippi Baptist leader of music, will be song leader for the conference.

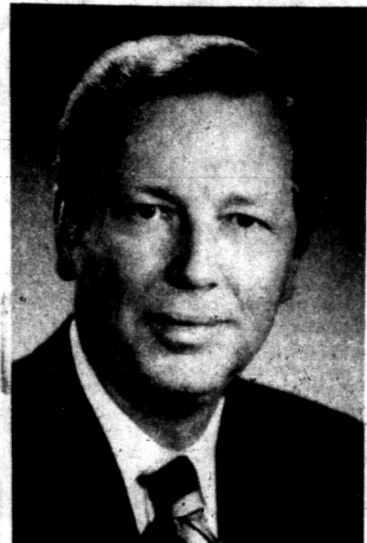
Dr. McNeely was formerly professor of music in the School of Church Music at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Music coordinator for the meeting will be Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who announced that both congregational singing as well as special music will be featured.

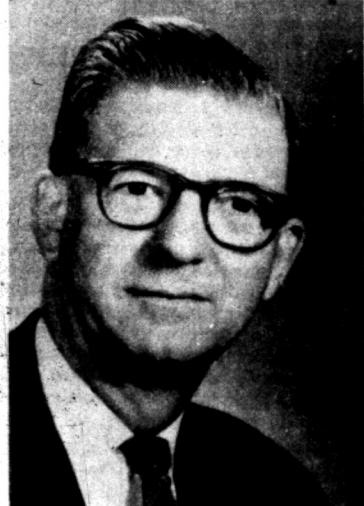
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Dr. Carl Bates



Dr. Franklin Paschal



Dr. W. D. Lawes

Graham Gives 'War' Stand, Relationship To Presidents

MONTREAL, N. C. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham has issued a public statement here describing his position on the Vietnam war, his relationship to President Nixon, and his opinion of the role of an evangelist.

In the 800-word statement, which he said was being issued in response to "recent inquiries from the press and a few personal letters and telegrams," the evangelist declared, "I have regretted that this war has gone on so long and been such a divisive force in America. I hope and pray that there will be an early armistice."

Mr. Graham said that in addition to deploring war, "I also deplore the violence everywhere throughout the world that evidences man's inhumanity to man. I am therefore praying for every responsible effort which seeks true peace in our time."

On his relationship with the President, the evangelist pointed out that he has been personally acquainted with every U.S. President since Harry Truman. He recalled that after his first White House visit with President Truman, he described their conversation to newsmen.

"From that moment on, I was persona non grata—and rightly so," Mr. Graham said. "It is an unwritten law that when you visit a head of state, you do not reveal what you discussed."

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SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Up In First Quarter

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention ended the first quarter of its new fiscal year here with a 4.91 per cent increase in contributions through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget.

For the first three months of the fiscal year, gifts through the Cooperative Program totaled \$8,005,404, an increase of \$374,382 or 4.91 per cent over contributions for the same three-month period in 1971-72.

Southern Baptist leaders are greatly encouraged, since it will take an average increase of 4.7 per cent to meet the 1972-73 total budget needs of \$32.6 million, said John H. Williams, director of financial planning for the SBC Executive Committee.

Williams reported that Cooperative Program gifts during the month of December increased by 14.21 per cent over contributions for December of 1971, with \$2.9 million given to missions through the Cooperative Program during the month.

The \$369,336 increase for the month (14.21 per cent) offset an 8.32 per cent decrease in Cooperative Program giving for the month of November. Williams said that several states sent in two checks during December rather than November.

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Hospital Seminar Set For Feb. 20

The annual pastoral-care seminar of Mississippi Baptist Hospital will be held at the hospital on February 20, the Rev. Gordon Shamburger, hospital chaplain, announced today.

The theme of the seminar this year, said Rev. Shamburger, will be "Dialogue in Healing: Who Does The Healing?"

He said the seminar will explore the place of the hospital, the place of the Church and the place of the community in a ministry to those who are hospitalized.

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Series Music Conferences Will Be Held Jan. 25-27

A series of sixteen Piano Playing, Song Leading and Vocal Festivals will be held in the state Jan. 25-27, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Department of Church Music, of the state convention board, sponsor.

The schedule of meetings and Festival leader for each is as follows:

Jan. 25 — First Church, Philadelphia, Alvin Moore of Philadelphia; First, Ellisville, Clyde Greer, of Ellisville; First, Grenada, Vernon Polk of Grenada; Woodland Hills, Jackson, Tom Mercier of Jackson; First, Columbus, Perry Robinson of Columbus; First, Cleveland, Milton Burd of Cleveland; First, Batesville, Fairley Earnest of Senatobia.

Jan. 26 — First Church, Tupelo, Miss Shirley Page of Tupelo; First Natchez, Major McDaniel of Natchez.

Jan. 27 — Temple Church, Hattiesburg, Alan Celoria of Hattiesburg; First, Moss Point, J. T. Hannaford of

Moss Point; First, Gulfport, Jimmy Cutrell of Gulfport; First Brookhaven, Don Brown of Hazlehurst, Parkway, Jackson, Lonnie Stewart of Jackson; Carriage Hills, Southaven, Roddy Simmons of Southaven; Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg, Paul Hill of Vicksburg.

Festival coordinator is Mr. Earnest. The daily time schedule of meetings follows: Jan. 25-26 — 6:30 p.m., orientation, and 6:45, Festival begins. Jan. 27 — 9:15 a.m., orientation, and 9:30, Festival begins.

Mr. Hall also said that the State Youth Music Tournament and Workshop (for tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders) would be held at Clarke College, Newton, Feb. 23-24.

Tournament will begin with registration at 4:30 Friday and conclude after lunch Saturday.

Registration fee: \$5.00 per participant.

Jaycees' Outstanding Young Men

Rohrman Chosen In America's 'Top Ten'

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Dr. Larry Rohrman, age 34, pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church, will be honored by the more than 300,000 United States Jaycees as one of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men for 1973.

Of 340 young men so chosen since 1938, Dr. Rohrman is the fifth person to have received the award in the category of religion. Though a few missionaries have been included, their awards were given in the realm of medicine.

He is the first Southern Baptist minister (only five ministers have ever been selected) and the third Mississippian to have been so recognized. The first Mississippian was Dr. Arthur Guyton, honored in 1951, now of University Medical Center. The second Mississippian was Fred Adams, in 1965, owner of the world's largest egg farm. (Bill Moyers, a Southern Baptist, did not receive the award for his service as a minister, but for his role in national politics.)

During a national congress of Jaycees January 19 and 20 at Salt Lake City, Utah, Chet Huntley will make the award presentations—the award itself to be a statue of two hands, one reaching out to help another. A film vignette from the daily lives of each candidate will be shown. Regarding this, Dr. Rohrman says, "A photographer came to Jackson and followed me for a couple of days!" He will give a two-minute response to the presentation. The 90-minute awards ceremony will be telecast live and nationwide Saturday evening, January 20 (President Nixon's Inauguration Day) from the Mormon Tabernacle. It will be shown in Jackson

on ETV, Channel 29, at 7:30 p.m. on January 23.

Back in Jackson Dr. and Mrs. Rohrman will be honored by his First



DR. LARRY G. ROHRMAN

Baptist Church congregation in a special reception to be given at the church on Tuesday, January 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. Other special activities also are being planned for the minister, with full announcement concerning them to come later this week.

The Jaycees annually choose Ten of America's Outstanding Young Men as a tribute to the contribution of all youth to American life. It is a Jaycee salute to a select group of men between the ages of 18 and 35, whose lives already are pictures of true greatness. A panel of judges from the country's most distinguished citizens makes the selection. Believing that "earth's great treasure lies in human personality, and that service to humanity is the best work of life," Jaycees select men who are known for their "selfless devotion to the betterment of mankind."

Previous winners have included such men as Dr. Tom Dooley, Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy, Pat Boone, George Gallup, Nelson Rockefeller, Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Joe Louis, William Saroyan, Howard Hughes, and Leonard Bernstein. Categories other than religion include education, medicine, journalism, science, sports, national affairs, business, military service, law, drama, broadcasting, etc. Sharing honors with Rohrman this year are four attorneys, two physicians, a judge, a mayor, and a journalist-actor-social worker.

Dr. Rohrman was cited for his job with hurricane relief, and for his service as the youngest minister to date of Mississippi's largest church of any denomination.

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Rohrman Chosen In America's Top Ten

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He was pastor of Biloxi's First Baptist Church in 1968 when the merciless Camille hurled its angry waters straight at Mississippi. At the request of Biloxi's mayor, he directed for five days and five nights a complex relief operation which brought food, water, and clothing to Biloxi's 80,000 people. For at least two days and two nights he had little, if any, sleep. In appreciation of the pastor's service to his fellow man, Southern Baptists afterward presented to him a Distinguished Service Citation.

Also he is a leader in the field of rehabilitation of drug users in Mississippi, and has served on the board of directors of the Youth Crisis Center, local rehabilitation center staffed by psychiatrists, physicians, and ministers.

At 31, in 1960, he moved to the pastorate of Jackson's First Church. (During college days he had been pastor at Val Verde, Texas, where W. A. Criswell and Baker Cauthen had preceded him in the pulpit. So when he went to First, Jackson, Dr. Criswell wrote him a note: "God bless you in the greatest church that side of the Mississippi and almost this side of heaven.") In three years of growth under his leadership the Jackson church has added some 2,000 people as new members, 700 of those reached in 1972 with over 200 for baptism during the year.

As pastor of this church he has, in the words of the Jaycees' brochure, "helped to direct the great resources of his congregation toward enriching the lives of all citizens in the community, through civic and social contributions." Based on the unusual growth of the church, Rohrman launched a \$1.5 million expansion program. The full amount in donations was raised in only two months.

The personable, brilliant, blonde young minister lists (besides sports, and hunting) people as his hobby — "befriending those in need, especially young people with problems." In fact, it was his great love for people and his desire to help them that moved him into the ministry in the first place. In high school, he was "nothing but an athlete," — star in football, baseball, track. He had been converted at the age of 12 but the year he was a high school senior in West Plains, Missouri, a group of Baptist athletes influenced him to become a Baptist.

In Dr. Odle's book, *Why I Am A Baptist*, Rohrman says, "It is very simple. I am a Baptist because I believe the Baptist faith is the closest church to the New Testament of any church I know. Furthermore, if I find a church closer to the New Testament (at all points) I'll join it."

Turning down a scholarship to study law at Duke, he entered Baylor as a volunteer for the ministry.

His fellow students apparently thought well of him when he was in school, for he was president of the freshman class in high school, president of his sophomore class at Baylor, and president of the senior class at New Orleans Seminary. At Baylor he met a Mississippian, Sonya O'Neal, who liked him well enough to marry him! They now have a young son and daughter, Michael Scott, and Cindy Lea.

He gets along well with people of all creeds and denominations and beliefs and races and ages. He grew up in Texas, and when he was small he attended for a period of time the Lutheran church and then a Pentecostal type church, and now asserts his great respect for both those denominations. His empathy with and understanding of other people is revealed in another statement in *Why I Am A Baptist*: "Never, never criticize another person's method of worship. That is sacred to all men. His way is as right to him as yours is to you."

In recent years he has been listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America* and in *Personalities of the South*.

A speech major in college and sem-

Federal Court - - -

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the Ohio opinion, said: "The Ohio decision is a substantial victory for the separation of church and state, religious liberty, and public education. Powerful sectarian lobbies have sought by one ruse and another to circumvent the plain meaning and intent of the First Amendment. The Ohio opinion indicates that the courts are not going to be fooled by these devices. There is literally no way that church schools can be funded by government in a country which has constitutional separation of church and state. This applies whether the particular device employed is direct or indirect. If, as is indicated, the Supreme Court upholds the lower court in the Ohio case, we can expect sectarian protagonists to seek government subsidies for their schools by doing away with the religious liberty protections of the First Amendment. This challenge will be met head-on by those who continue to believe in religious freedom and the separation of church and state."

"The light that shines farthest shines brightest nearest home."

inary, he very often, and in many varied places is called on to exercise his exceptional speaking ability. For instance, he was a speaker at the annual Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in 1970; he brought the

devotional for a Mississippi Farm Bureau Convention; he was a Jaycee panelist on a television show, "Face the Issues"; he is a popular speaker to youth, and was featured as a key speaker at a state Baptist stu-

dent convention; he has spoken in state evangelism conferences; he was invited to be noonday speaker at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Jackson; he was principal speaker at Governor Waller's inaugural prayer service.

His sermons, aired on television each Sunday from First Church, are geared to the immediate needs he sees in society. With the courage and enthusiasm of youth he speaks in a straightforward manner, not afraid to say what he thinks.

As would be expected in the capital city, he is active in civic affairs; he is on the Board of Directors of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce; member of the Mississippi American Revolution Bicentennial Commission; member of the Mississippi Bureau of Drug Enforcement Commission; and member of the Rotary Club. In denominational affairs he is a leader, too, having been a member of the Pioneer Missions Committee, the strategic Executive Committee, and (currently) the Education Commission, MBCB.

An intense and dedicated young man, he has about him an air of distinction, of polish, of quiet self-confidence. He is friendly; yet sometimes there is about him a bit of reserve. A paradox? Perhaps. Though self-assured, he is becomingly modest (and extremely so, for a Texan.) In other words, he is, from all the evidence, just what the Jaycees say he is — one of the Top Ten Outstanding Young Men of America in 1973.



Luther Rice Honors Missionary

Miss Bertha Smith of South Carolina watches as Dr. Robert Witty and Dr. Fred Williams unveil a plaque in her honor at the Luther Rice Seminary Library Dedication in Jacksonville, Florida. "Miss Bertha" served over 40 years as a missionary in China and Taiwan.

Broadmoor's 20th Year

Church Entertains Charter Members, Holds Special Anniversary Service

On January 7, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, celebrated her Twentieth Anniversary. In so doing, a number of special services and activities were planned.

An all-out effort was made to contact all charter members. Many of them were contacted and given a personal invitation to the services. Around 200 people attended a luncheon held at Primos Northgate for all charter members and their families, all present staff members and their families, and all former staff members and their families.

In connection with the special occasion, a goal of 2,000 was set for Sunday school attendance (100 for each year as an organized church), and the goal was set to pledge the \$520,000 budget in one day. The weather was extremely bad and the goals were not quite reached, but Bob McKee, minister of education, was most pleased with the response of his people under such circumstances. Claude Anthony, business administrator, was also pleased with the budget pledging under the circumstances, and thinks it will be just a matter of a few days before the entire budget is pledged.

The present pastor, Dr. David R. Grant, preached at the regular 8:20 a.m. service. Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, the former pastor and now pastor of First Church, Grenada, was the guest speaker at the regular 10:50 a.m. service and a special anniversary service at 2:30 p.m. Gene Bennett Hubbard, a former minister of music, now at First Church, Rayville, Louisiana, brought the special music at both morning worship services. Other former staff members who participated

on the program were Rev. Tommy Baddley, former assistant to the pastor and now pastor of First, Brandon; Rev. Tommy Hudson, former assistant to the pastor and now pastor of Oak Forest, Jackson; Rev. Al Brodie, former assistant to the pastor, now employed by the State of South Carolina; Walton Caughman, former minister of education and now with the Family Life Ministry; Rev. Don Cooper, a charter member and now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Southaven, also participated on the program, along with G. O. Kerr, the first chairman of the deacons, and Ken Wallis, present chairman of deacons.

For the special music in the afternoon service, the adult choir of Broadmoor Church sang an anthem, "To God Be the Glory," arranged by Mrs. Kerry Grantham, music assistant at Broadmoor. For the benediction, the combined choirs of the church sang, "Bless this Church." Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary and treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and former pastor of First Church, Jackson, also spoke at the afternoon service. While Dr. Hudgins was pastor of First Church, the church gave invaluable help financially and otherwise to Broadmoor. Following the afternoon service, there was a reception and open house for all guests.

The following served on the anniversary committee: Bill Farlow, chairman, Mrs. N. N. Edmonds, Mrs. Tom Hill, Mrs. G. O. Kerr, Bobby Pittman, Tom Stribling, and Mrs. John Stone.

The pastor, Dr. David R. Grant, reports it was a delightful day of worship, fellowship, inspiration, rededication, and reflection.

Harper Shannon Named Birmingham Pastor

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Harper Shannon, former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, has been named pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham.

Shannon for the past 10 years has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.

A native of Birmingham, Shannon is returning, effective Jan. 10, to the church where he was converted, and where he preached his first formal sermon at the age of 14.

Lebanon Sponsors Telephone Survey

Lebanon Association is sponsoring a Telephone Religious Survey, January 18-25 in the Hattiesburg area.

Rev. Leon Emery, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, Jackson, is director of the survey. Forrest Blankenship is general chairman and Dr. Joel Ray is coordinator. "The Immanuel Church is the central clearing house for the survey. The purpose of the survey is to secure names, ages, and addresses of unchurched people in the association," states Rev. Garland McInnis, publicity director.

Grinning, like a flivver, makes some folks look silly, — but it gets them there.



Laymen's Day Program To Be On Baptist Hour

Taking a break between recording sessions for a special Laymen's Day program to be heard on THE BAPTIST HOUR January 28 were (from left) Edward E. Stanley of the Radio and Television Commission, producer of the program; Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission; Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Glendon McCullough, executive secretary of the Men's Brotherhood (Baptist Men) Commission. THE BAPTIST HOUR is a Cooperative Program presentation on behalf of Baptist Men and the Southern Baptist Convention through its Radio-TV Commission.—Radio-TV Commission Photo

Graham Gives War Stand

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Commenting on a frequently used description of his relationship with the Nixon Administration, he declared: "Neither am I a White House 'chaplain' — anymore than Cardinal Cushing was during the Kennedy years or Dr. Pruden was during the Truman years."

Although Mr. Graham said he believes President Nixon to be motivated "by a desire for peace," he added, "History will have to judge whether his decisions were right or wrong."

Of his role as an evangelist, Mr. Graham commented: "I am convinced that God has called me to be a New Testament evangelist — not an Old Testament prophet! While some may interpret an evangelist to be primarily a social reformer or a political activist, I do not! An evangelist is a proclaimer of the message of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ and the necessity of repentance and faith."

In conclusion, he said, "Everywhere I go this year, I am going to call for renewed concern for each other, a revived dedication to just government, and a revitalized consecration to God in our national life."

During the past week, Dr. Henry W. Anderson, a United Presbyterian pastor and chairman of Key 73 in Chicago; Dr. Ernest T. Campbell, minister of the interdenominational Riverside church in New York City, and other Protestant clergymen involved in the broad-based evangelistic effort, have called on Mr. Graham to intercede with President Nixon to stop all U.S. bombing in Vietnam.

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men, excluding journeymen, were appointed for field evangelism. The smaller number of appointments in 1972 was not at the expense of evangelism, and church development, he observed. Cobbs said the sharpest decreases came in the number of persons for secondary teaching, seminary teaching, student work and business management.

At the close of the year the Southern Baptist foreign missionary force included 2,203 career missionaries and 304 auxiliary personnel — 174 associates, 128 journeymen and two special project workers.

Pointing out that the board now has before it requests for 800 new missionaries from the mission organizations overseas, Cauthen declared that Sou-

thern Baptists should "aim to go well beyond a staff of 3,000 missionaries by the close of the 1970's," and that the board should anticipate the appointment of more than 200 in 1973.

"We must do everything possible to lay the call of missions upon the hearts of people in seminaries, colleges, churches, youth gatherings, and particularly young pastors, and other workers whose appointment for missionary service could be accomplished at an early time," said Cauthen.

He added that 1972 will be looked back upon with gratitude to Southern Baptists for their stewardship which made possible the strengthening of missionary financial support. He told board members that "remarkable reports are coming from all parts of the SBC concerning the recent Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions."

The \$10,000 relief appropriation for Nicaraguan Baptists included official board action on \$5,000 previously authorized by Cauthen.

The SBC has no missionaries in Nicaragua, El Salvador or British Honduras, but it is represented in the other Central American nations.

Bryan said that funds received from individuals and churches designated for relief in Nicaragua will be used to assist Baptists there and, through them, others in need.

Miss Mary Jo French, presently of St. Petersburg, Fla., and formerly of Oneida, Ky., was appointed a missionary to Peru. She expects to be librarian and dean of women at the Baptist Theological Institute in Trujillo, Peru.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Laffoon of Independence, Mo., were reapointed to East Africa. They were stationed formerly in Mbeya, Tanzania, where he was a staff doctor and administrator at the Baptist Hospital. They returned to the states in 1969 and later resigned in order for Dr. Laffoon to take further training in surgery.

'Aggressive Expansion' Urged
The Board secretary for West Africa, H. Cornell Goerner, has called upon the board to "initiate an aggressive program of expansion in West Africa," where there has been a gradual decline in the number of Southern Baptist missionaries over the past five years.

At the same time, said Goerner, "We should certainly continue to take full advantage of the rising tide of interest in Eastern and Southern Africa," where the missionary force has been increasing.

He said the responsiveness of people in Eastern and Southern African countries to evangelistic preaching partly accounts for the comparatively large number of missionary volunteer for that area.

The world steps aside to let any man pass who knows where he is going.

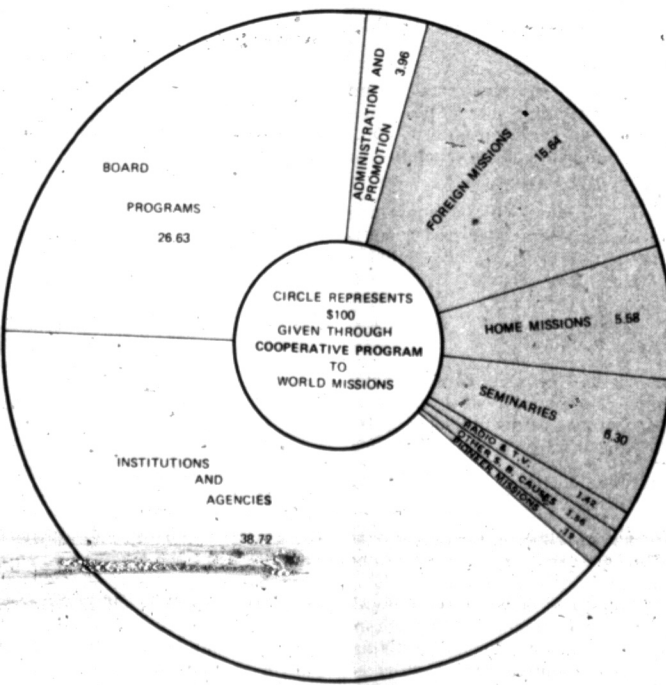
1973 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET

TOTAL GOAL \$5,200,000

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CAUSES IN MISSISSIPPI

INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES	
\$1,000,000	Christian Education..... 19.23%
230,000	Capital Needs..... 4.42
113,000	Children's Village..... 2.17
45,000	Ministerial Education..... .86
102,000	Baptist Hospital..... .81
	Hardship Asst..... 1.96
	Capital Needs..... .77
	Educational..... .38
48,000	Christian Action..... .92
45,500	Baptist Foundation..... .88
133,000	W.M.U..... .256
	Operational..... 2.00
	Programs..... .56
270,000	Annuity Participation..... 5.19
12,500	Historical Commission..... .24
15,000	Baptist Record..... .29
\$2,014,000	SUB TOTAL..... 38.72%

BOARD PROGRAMS	
106,200	Sunday School..... 1.87
85,000	Church Training..... 1.50
67,750	Brotherhood..... 1.19
61,500	Church Music..... 1.08
184,000	B.S.U..... .254
	Operational..... 2.54
	Capital Needs..... .71
84,200	National Baptists..... 1.49
43,000	Evangelism..... .76
79,750	Stewardship..... 1.41
98,200	Cooperative Missions..... 1.73
55,000	Assoc. Subsidies..... .97
11,000	Church Building Aft..... .20
5,022	Pastoral Aid..... .08
31,800	Building Services..... .59
350	Religious Education Assoc..... .01
900	Sanatorium Ministry..... .01
5,000	Promotion & Misc..... .08
1,000	Bible Conference..... .01
252,200	Property Maint..... 4.46
	Maintenance..... 1.84
	Capital Needs..... 2.62
36,150	Program Expansion..... .64
66,000	Insurance..... 1.17



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD
Drew W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT
John Alexander, Director

35,000	New Missions..... .62
200,000	Gulfshore Assembly..... 3.52
	(Capital Needs)
1,509,000	SUB TOTAL.....
125,000	LESS: State Mission Offering.....
\$1,384,000	NET SUB TOTAL..... 26.63%

ADMINISTRATION—PROMOTION

85,700	Business & Accounting Office..... 1.65
49,950	Conv'l. Sessions; Annual; Diaries; Board Meetings; Spec. Prom. Exec. Sec'y-Treas. Office..... 1.35
205,650	SUB TOTAL..... 3.96

\$3,603,650	TOTAL MISSISSIPPI..... 69.31%
1,596,350	S.B.C. CAUSES..... 30.69%
\$5,200,000	GRAND TOTAL..... 100.00%

TOTAL (Incl. in total goal)

How the Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program is divided, showing both amount and percentage to each cause. Shaded portion shows SBC causes.

King Hussein Hears Astronaut, Baptist Choir

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Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel accepts an enshrined photograph and an Israeli flag from the moon during a presentation by Apollo 15 Astronaut James Irwin in Tel Aviv. When Irwin told Mrs. Meir that to look at the earth and see its beauty from the vantagepoint of the moon is to "feel you are looking at the earth with the eyes of God," Mrs. Meir nodded, saying "I felt like this at Mt. Sinai" when she saw the Holy Land as Moses must have seen it when he received the Ten Commandments. (BP) Photo by Jim Newton



In their first public appearance since their marriage, King Hussein and Queen Alia of Jordan greet Astronaut James Irwin during a "command performance" in Amman, Jordan. During the program, Irwin told the crowd of 2,200 he felt closer to God on the moon than at any time on earth. A 250-voice choir from Baylor University, Brewton-Parker College and Southwestern Seminary presented Handel's Messiah, while the King and Queen listened intently. (BP Photo)



Apollo 15 Astronaut James Irwin is welcomed to Jordan by Southern Baptist Missionary Paul Smith (right), and Pastor Foaz Ameish, president of the Jordan Baptist Convention. In the background is a portrait of His Majesty King Hussein, who like Astronaut Irwin, is a pilot.—(BP) Photo.

By Jim Newton

AMMAN, Jordan (BP) — His Majesty King Hussein and Queen Alia, in their first public appearance since announcement of their marriage, listened intently to a 250-voice Baptist choir present "The Messiah" and to Astronaut James Irwin tell of his religious experiences on the moon.

Not only was it the first public appearance of the king and queen since their marriage, it was also the first time in Jordan that a Baptist choir had presented a concert of Christian music, and the first time that Handel's "Messiah" had been performed here.

The 2,000-seat cultural palace at Sports City here was filled to capacity, and there had been an additional 3,000 requests for invitations, according to Paul Smith, Southern Baptist Missionary in Amman who coordinated the arrangements with Jordanian officials.

"There is no way to describe the long-range effect this will have on Baptist missions work in Jordan," said Smith following the concert. Smith introduced Irwin and the choir on behalf of the Jordan Baptist Convention.

Throughout the visit of the astronaut and choir, Jordanian royalty and government officials had given the Baptist group red-carpet treatment.

The day before the concert, Irwin and his wife, Queen Alia, at their winter palace in Aqaba, Jordan's resort city on the clear blue waters of the Gulf of Aqaba.

They talked for about 30 minutes, with King Hussein inviting the Irwin party to take a brief ride on the royal yacht after their visit.

During the conversation, Queen Alia asked Mrs. Irwin how she felt while her husband was walking on the moon, and if she were worried or afraid.

"No," replied Mrs. Irwin. "I have a faith in Jesus Christ and I just turned it all over to Him and knew Jim would be all right."

Irwin told King Hussein that he had a deeply moving spiritual experience on the moon, and that he hoped to share that experience with all the people of Jordan and people all around the world.

King Hussein expressed appreciation for Irwin's presence in Jordan and admiration for his courage and convictions, said William Rittenhouse, executive director and vice president of High Flight, Irwin's religious foundation.

The king and queen were most gracious and cordial, said Rittenhouse, who was present during the private visit.

Irwin, who had played tennis with Baptist missionaries shortly before, was dressed in a blue sport coat, an open neck sport shirt, and tennis shoes.

The following day, in a tuxedo, Irwin told King Hussein and an audience of 2,000 how it felt to walk on the moon, illustrating his message with a 20-minute color film covering highlights of the Apollo 15 flight.

The most impressive thing about the journey to the moon was to look out of the space capsule and see the beautiful earth shrink from the size of a basketball to the size of a marble, Irwin told the crowd.

"You could see the whites of the clouds, the blues of the oceans, the browns and tans of the deserts, and the greens of the forests," he said. "It almost looked like a fragile Christmas tree ornament hanging there in the blackness of space."

"To see it shrink, to look out and see the earth with the eyes of God, has to change a man, and make him realize that God loved us so much that He sent His son Jesus Christ so that man might become like God," Irwin said.

The astronaut, a Baptist layman, said he felt the presence of God closer on the moon than he had ever felt it on earth, and that the experience had changed his life completely.

Irwin said he felt God's presence in three different ways on the moon. First, through the answer to prayer when he encountered problems and received almost instantaneous answers. Second, through the guidance of God in finding the "Genesis rock," the oldest rock ever discovered, sitting on a rock pedestal shaped like an

Evangelism Conference

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Mr. Collum said that the Mississippi Baptist Convention program of evangelism, known as "Evangelism '73," would be emphasized throughout the conference, with 21,000 baptisms being the goal for the convention for this year.

Mr. Hall said that musical groups to perform during the conference would include the following:

"Mississippi Singing Churchmen," a group of ministers of music in Baptist churches throughout the state; adult choir of the host church; "Peacemakers," a youth group from Iuka Baptist Church, and "The Mountain Men," a men's ensemble composed of ministerial day students at Blue Mountain College.

Vocalists to sing will include Dave Boyer, musical evangelist and recording artist with Gospel Films, Muskegon, Mich.; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, of Yazoo City; Miss Eva Carol Aultman, Oxford, and J. B. Betts, Southaven.

Organist will be Mrs. Clyde Bryan, Jackson; trumpet, David Larrimore, Tupelo; pianists, Edwin Sudduth, Indianola and Kathy McNair, Jackson.

Conference theme will be "Sharing Christ, Through the World."

Host pastor will be Dr. Robert L. Reeb, who is also president of the Board.

The conference is sponsored annually by the Department of Evangelism of the Board. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson is executive secretary-treasurer of the Board.

The last time the conference met in Tupelo was in 1965, with the same church, Harrisburg Baptist, as host.

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out-reached palm that seemed to say, "here am I, take me." And third, the inspiration of God that caused him to quote Psalm 121 from the lunar surface.

Prior to his address, Irwin presented to King Hussein a framed color photograph of himself standing on the moon beside the Rover 1 moon buggy. A small Jordanian flag was mounted adjacent to the photo. The auditorium resounded with applause as Irwin left the stage and walked to the royal box to give the photo to the king.

Earlier, the cultural palace had resounded with applause to the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" by the 250-voice choir. The group included singers from three Baptist school choirs.

Singing in the combined group were the Brewton-Parker College choir from Mt. Vernon, Ga., the Baylor University A Cappella Choir from Waco, Tex., and the Southwestern Singers from Fort Worth. An orchestra from Baylor University accompanied the group.

Soloists were Mrs. Joe (Sue) King, soprano, Mrs. John (Virginia) Seelig,

Alto, James McKinney, bass, all of the music faculty of Southwestern Seminary, and Bill O'Brien, tenor, a Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia. Conductor was Robert Burton, also of the Southwestern Seminary faculty.

Following the "Messiah" concert, a high school choral group, The Pine Bluff Singers of Pine Bluff, Ark., presented several popular music selections.

The mass choir was organized and sponsored by the Meier International Study League of Hurst, Tex., headed by David Meier. Two months ago, Meier flew to Jordan, visited with King Hussein, and initiated the invitation which resulted in the "command performance."

Throughout the visit in Jordan, Irwin and the Baptist choirs received a royal reception.

A plane load of 50 guests were flown to Aqaba for a day in the sun as the guests of Alia Air Lines. Irwin and his party visited the King and flew by helicopter to the ruins of the ancient city of Petra.

Afterwards, the Irwin party was the guest of His Highness Prince Hussan

at his royal palace in Amman. The following day, Prince Hassan, Irwin and Baptist Press Assistant Director Jim Newton flew in King Hussein's falcon jet and by helicopter to the Prince Hassan Air Force Base for a special tour. Irwin, Newton and Smith later helicoptered to Ajloun for a brief visit at the Baptist hospital there.

During the banquet at the home of Prince Hassan, a student at Brewton-Parker College expressed appreciation to his highness for the hospitality shown the group by the Jordanian royalty and government.

"You have a beautiful country, and I've fallen in love with it," said Wiley Frankie of Sycamore, Ga., tenor for a folksong group called the "Folk Four" of Brewton-Parker College. "This visit has changed my life and I'll never be the same," Wiley told the Crown Prince and heir of the throne.

"I believe in music as a means of expressing brotherhood and love," Wiley added. With that, the folksong group began a spirited rendition of the song, "I Believe in Music, I Believe in Love."

It could well have been the theme for the entire visit.

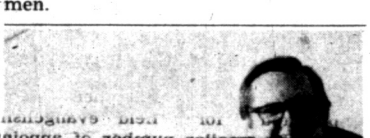
Hospital Seminar - - -

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He said the chief resource speaker will be J. Don Corley, Th.D. and chaplain of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock.

Other speakers, said Chaplain Shamburger, will include Mrs. Marie Hoffman, director of the Social Service Department at University Hospital, and Mrs. Katherine Feldman, coordinator of the Women's Auxiliary at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The seminar, held annually, is open to clergymen of all denominations and from all parts of the state, and is usually attended by from 50 to 75 clergymen.



Dr. and Mrs. Taylor

Taylor Returns From Holy Land

Dr. John L. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, McComb, and his wife, Delores, (pictured above) have just completed a nine day study tour of the Holy Land. This trip was made in preparation for a Bible and missions study seminar which he will conduct for those participating in the Holy Land Bible and Missions Tour on February 7-16, 1973, promoted by the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor traveled by jet to Cyprus; where they boarded a cruise ship which becomes a floating motel. Traveling in the day time was done by motorcade under the direction of trained guides. At night while they slept the ship sailed to the next port. Other countries in the tour included Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

In evaluating his study trip Dr. Taylor states: "The tour of the Holy Land lighted our understanding of the life of Christ. We have heard and have read of these places all of our lives. Now we have seen. It is like the receiving of sight to one who was blind. It is the trip of a lifetime! Our faith and our belief in the word of God have been stamped with the assurance that the Bible is the Truth for all men of all the ages. It stood at Calvary, we knew anew of the greatest of all gifts — God's Son." Church staff members, laymen, women and youth will be joining Dr. Taylor on the Holy Land Tour scheduled to depart Jackson February 7. J. T. Gilbert, president of Baptist Men's Conference and John T. Gilbert, pastor of Westview Church, Jackson, both participated in a similar tour last year and will be returning to give promotional direction to the February 7 tour.

Reservations are still available for the tour. Those desiring to register or

BWA Day Begins Mission....

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Member churches throughout the world are being encouraged to use BWA Sunday to emphasize the international nature of their fellowship. In addition to sermons and special prayers, the Alliance suggests pulpits exchanges, youth rallies, men's breakfasts, and fellowship dinners crossing racial and national lines.

Men of the churches will draw attention to an International Conference of Baptist Men, planned for Jerusalem November 5-10, 1973. Youth will be looking toward their Eighth Baptist Youth World Conference planned for Portland, Oregon, USA, July 31-August 4, 1974.

The major emphasis however will be on the World Mission of Reconciliation, a project voted by 8,500 delegates from 78 nations at the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, Japan, in 1970. The past two years have been given to preparation of the worldwide evangelistic outreach, with the years 1973-75 designated for the major concerted effort.

In a "message" distributed for reading in the churches, President Hargroves and General Secretary Robert S. Denny declared: "Our people have accepted the call of God to make Christ known to all persons and to make the love of God the guiding factor in all interpersonal relationships."

The statement continued: "We universally cherish the twin objectives: 1) helping people to become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and 2) seeking to reconcile people to each other, breaking down barriers of misunderstanding, going extra miles in service, demonstrating the principle of love in human relationships. "We have the right to call others to reconciliation only insofar as we and our churches live under the lordship

SBC Cooperative - - -

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In addition to the \$8 million given through the Cooperative Program unified budget, Southern Baptists during the first quarter of the fiscal year gave \$903,699, to designated, specific world mission causes. It was an increase of \$148,972 or 19.74 per cent.

The combined world mission gifts, including both Cooperative Program budget contributions and designated gifts to specific causes, totaled \$8.9 million, an increase of \$523,354 or 6.24 per cent for the three-month period.

Amounts included in the report, prepared by the SBC Executive Committee, reflect only contributions to world and nation-wide Southern Baptist missions causes and do not include gifts to support local and state mission efforts by Southern Baptists.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE WITH THEIR PROBLEMS

Area Conferences Jan. 22-26, 1973

CHRISTIAN ACTION COMMISSION

Jan. 22	Clarke College, Newton	4:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
Jan. 23	First Church, Lucedale	4:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
Jan. 25	Collins Church, Collins	9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
Jan. 26	First Church, McComb	9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

(These conferences are designed for concerned pastors and interested members who desire to share in ideas and inspiration as to how better to meet the needs of people.)

PROGRAM

"How to Help, What to do, What Not to do"	Dr. John Alcorn Dept. of Guidance Education Mississippi State University
"Ministering to the Terminally Ill and the Family"	Rev. Gordon Shamburger Chaplain, Mississippi Baptist Hospital
"How to Help Through Groups"	Dr. Macklyn Hubbell Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland
Adjourn for Lunch or Supper	
"Meeting Special Needs"	Dr. Alcorn
"What's Your Question?"	Panel and Group
Announcements and Adjourn	



Alcorn



Shamburger



Hubbell

The Convention President Speaks

The special emphasis among Mississippi Baptists for the year 1973 is evangelism. There is nothing to which the average person in a Baptist church will respond like reaching people for Christ. They may not always put forth a special effort to do personal work, but as a whole, they want to see people saved. So when a program of evangelism is presented, most pastors and church leaders can get a good response from the people. It is also the most rewarding experience we as Christians can have. I do not know of anything I had rather do than lead someone to Christ and I do not know of anything I had rather see than one accepting my Saviour. Of course, the one greatest need any person will ever have is that of his personal salvation, which is by faith in Jesus Christ.

Since all these things are true and since it is our emphasis this year, it appears to me each leader and - or church of this Convention should give earnest and prayerful concern to soul-winning.

There are some things I believe will help us do a better job at this most important task. One is to give it personal and individual attention. Simply get busy doing personal work. Another is to lead your church in a WIN school or a similar one. This equips the membership better than they have ever been prepared. Then another is to plan and prepare well for revival. My experiences have taught me that we do not reach many people for Christ unless we work at doing so. Still another is to build an attitude and atmosphere of evangelism among the membership of the church, especially among the workers. The last one I would mention would be a prayer list. Make sure you pray for the lost.

I shall join with each of you in prayer that our Lord will bless you in a bountiful, fruitful way in regard to winning the lost to Christ. — David Grant.

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EDITORIAL

National Council And Southern Baptists

The National Council of Churches has been "restructured." Its "General Assembly" and "General Board" have been voted out of existence, and control has been placed in the hands of a 347 member "Governing Board."

While we have not seen an objective interpretation of this action, its meaning appears to be obvious, both from what was said and done in its Dallas meeting early in December, where the changes took place, and also from released statements of the past three years, the period in which the changes in the Council have been discussed and planned.

The truth of the matter is that the National Council has been having serious financial problems, and other internal problems, both because of its manner of control, and also because of its policies. The control has been in the hands of a small group at the top, and the policies often have reflected a theological liberalism that was not fully acceptable to many members of participating denominations. Serious problems also arose because of demands of black groups for more power. Moreover, some leaders of the Council have been disturbed because they have been unable to enlist the participation and support of such groups as Southern Baptists, Missouri Lutherans and some others.

It appears that the new program is, at least in part, an effort to enlist some type of cooperation from these outside groups. In the news report concerning the Dallas action is included the following significant statement: "There is a

provision for participation in program units of denominations and para-ecclesiastical (we wonder what this is) groups which do not hold membership in the governing board." When one reads this statement, in the light of what already has been said about restructuring the council so that outside denominations can participate in them, it is evident that this is exactly what they had in mind in the actions in Dallas. There is an open invitation to groups like Southern Baptists to come in and participate in the ecumenical program.

While we are sure that there probably are a very few among Southern Baptists who would like to see our convention participate in the National Council program, we are equally sure that the vast majority in our convention, both pastors and lay people, want nothing whatever to do with any type of involvement in the National Council, either officially or unofficially. Baptists have an everlasting suspicion of any type of organization where control is in the hands of a few, and they certainly want nothing to do with a group where a body of 347 members is set up as the governing board, without responsibility to any larger group. As far as the council is concerned, if some denominations wish to work in such a group, that is their privilege, but as far as any overtures toward Southern Baptists are concerned, even for unofficial, "observer" status, we are confident that the overwhelming response will be "No, thanks!" Southern Baptists have enough problems of their

own without becoming involved in these. If the Southern Baptist Convention in session, or the Executive Committee of the Convention, were to vote any type of relationship with the National Council, the convention immediately would lose the support of thousands of churches. Such a move would be a "kiss of death" for the convention. However, there is not the slightest possibility that such action will be taken.

Incidentally, the new structure has not solved all of the council's problems. It may prevent such actions as the taking over of a session by a small revolutionary black minority, as happened in Detroit three years ago, but it has not solved the financial problems. Member groups are going to be assessed on the basis of membership and financial strength and news releases raise doubts as to whether the largest constituent member, will raise its annual gift from the \$470,000 it already is giving, to an amount almost \$300,000 more, which is the proposed assessment.

Evidently the National Council will continue to flounder in the midst of unsolved problems, as do nearly all "liberal" religious groups today. We can thank God that our Southern Baptist "fathers" through the years have had the good judgment to stay out of the movement.

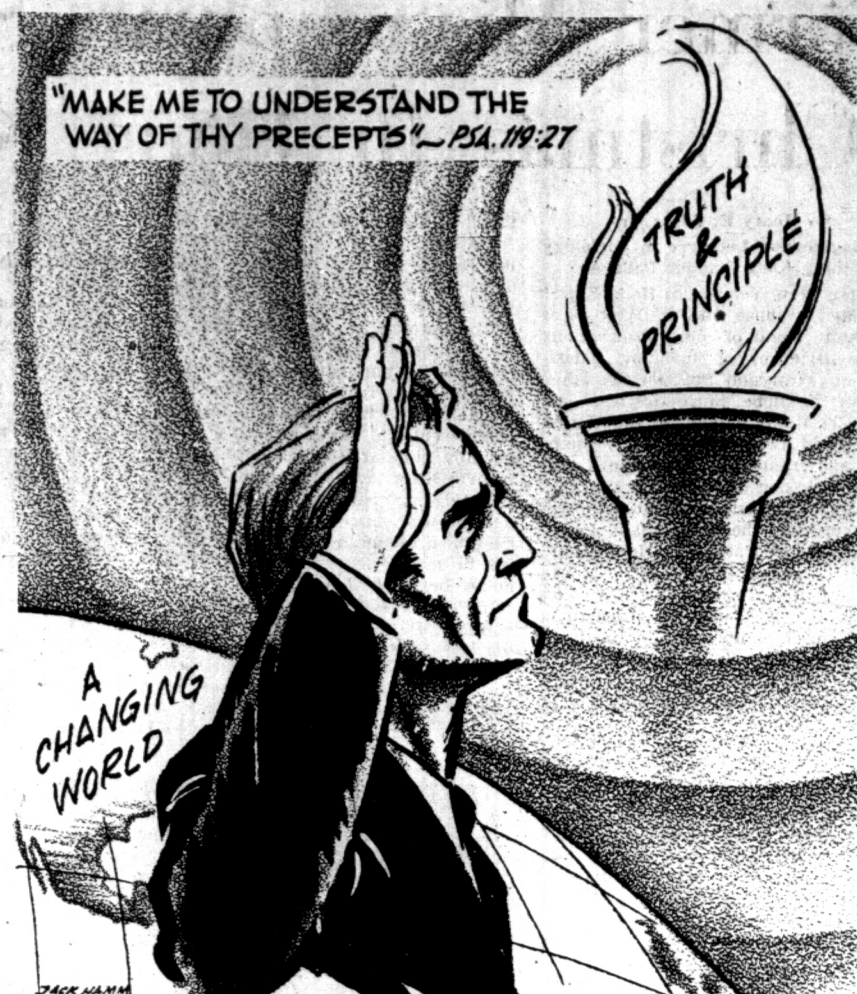
On To Tupelo

No meeting which is held by Mississippi Baptists, other than the convention itself, attracts more attention from pastors and laymen alike, than the annual evangelistic conference. It always is one of the most inspirational meetings of the year, and probably no meeting does more to set the tone of the program of the churches.

The conference for 1973 is to be held at the Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo and in Tupelo High Civic Center Auditorium on February 5-7. Features and speakers of the meeting are presented in a news story on page one of this issue of the Record. From these one can see that Evangelism Director Roy Collum has planned another great conference.

Churches will strengthen their own programs if they encourage their pastors to attend the meeting, and provide the funds for them to do so. The meeting is held between Sunday and Wednesday night so that one does not have to miss any regular services to attend. He can drive up on Monday for the opening on Monday night, and drive back home after the closing session on Wednesday morning. The meeting is being held in an area of the state where it has not met in several years, so that even those who are unable to make the long trip to other areas, can attend this meeting.

Auditoriums should be filled to overflowing for every session of the conference. In this year of emphasis on evangelism every church in the state should send its pastor. Laymen also should attend and many churches will want to send one or more of them who can attend. Large numbers of laymen in the Northeast area of the state should take advantage of the opportunity to attend at least the night sessions, and as many of the other sessions as possible.



Inauguration Week

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Pastor David Gomes Writes From Brazil

Dear friends:

It is good to greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. May the new year bring to you many joys!

We have much to be thankful for. The eye surgery was perfect as far as the matter is concerned. The doctor is still dealing with me and trying to get in order to give me glasses.

I came to church for the service Sunday night, 24th of December. Then I preached on Christmas morning, at eleven. God presided over all the services and the emotions were cut to a minimum, according to the doctor's orders.

With the grace of God I hope to be able to see clearly of my right eye by January 8th and will write to you then.

We are preparing ourselves to a big worship service at the Stadium (Maracanãzinho). We hope to have 20,000 people to the high-up hands. Thanking God for Worship Services, to be our National Thanksgiving for the victory of paying completely our Miracle Lot, of which we got the title December 26.

May God continue to bless you. May your prayers follow us. Who knows some of you will be able to come by March to be with us?

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EDITOR'S NOTE: David Gomes is pastor of the Church of Hope in downtown Rio and is director of Brazil's Bible School of the Air. The Baptist Record has previously carried stories about the "miracle lot" in Rio which a very small group of Brazilian Baptists bought, on faith. We felt that those who read the story would rejoice to know that the lot, which cost more than \$100,000, is now paid for. We also rejoice at the favorable report concerning the eye operation.

Montana Church Needs

Student To Help On Staff

Dear Dr. Odle:

May we request that you put the following item in the Record for us:

WANTED: College student willing to give three to six months to the Lord's work in Montana. Small town church, averages 50 in Sunday School) desperately needs trained youth and music director to set up complete program for youth, and teach workers to continue it. Church can provide food and lodging only. Needed by July. Write First Baptist Church, Townsend, Montana.

Rev. Gary Pearson, Pastor

On The MORAL SCENE...

Los Angeles has the highest divorce rate of seven major cities in the United States. The other six are Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco. What's happening? Some say a sexual revolution. Certainly new social trends. Whatever the reasons, the ratio of divorces to marriages in the United States has now reached an all-time high of more than 40 percent, based on the average number of divorces 1969-71 compared to marriages seven years earlier (the median duration of marriages ending in divorce is seven years). The source of these statistics: Bureau of Census, U. S. Department of Commerce; Public Health Service, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. (p. 12, Saturday Review of Literature, July 29, 1972)

One out of every three commercial television stations hires only whites for management, professional, technical, and sales positions. And one of every six hires only men. These were the findings of a recent study conducted by the Office of Communications of the United Church of Christ with the cooperation of the Federal Communications Commission. These job categories, defined

Another Publication Dies

Life magazine published its last issue on Dec. 29. Thus another national publication ceases to exist. It joins a long list of magazines which have died in recent decades including Literary Digest, The Pathfinder, Colliers, The American Magazine, Liberty, The Saturday Evening Post (which has been resurrected as a quarterly, and soon is to be bi-monthly), Look, and several women's magazines. It is an interesting commentary on American life that magazines such as these die, while Playboy and some similar publications prosper. We will not comment as to what that seems to say. (An exception, of course, is The Reader's Digest).

Many of our readers can remember when Life was started back in 1936. The first two copies are in this editor's possession, along with several other special issues, preserved through the years. In the beginning Life was basically a news photo journal, although it presented numerous photo essays on special subjects. In recent years, its editorial policy has changed some, and some of the features which made it so attractive in the past were lost. It may have been this move to conformity with to modern thinking, that helped speed its death.

The reasons given for its demise are continual tremendous financial losses caused by loss of advertising, increased production costs, and increased postal rates. The loss of advertising probably is attributed to television, while increased costs has been experienced in

almost every field. We were chiefly interested, however, in the statement that postal increases helped kill the magazine. Postage increases of "over 170% over a five year period" made the end inevitable" according to Time. Postage would be a tremendous item for a publication as large as, and carrying as much advertising as, Life. Moreover, if the same projected increases apply to profit publications, as to non-profit, further heavy increases were in the offing. They are enough to create serious problems for any publication.

Even as such publications as this are dying, a few non-profit religious publications have died, and others will die, if increases which already have been announced are carried through. We seriously doubt if Billy Graham's Decision can stand postal costs of about \$1,000,000 per year; or The Baptist Standard of Texas of more than one-third million; or the Baptist Record of more than \$120,000. These appear to be what these publications face in the next 10 years if proposed rate increases materialize. They will bring major changes in religious journalism as it now is used by Southern Baptists, and, of course, by other denominations as well. Some publications may die, some may be consolidated, and some may have to go to a monthly schedule of publication. Relief is being sought through Congress, and we sincerely hope that it will be forthcoming. Otherwise some more religious publications will be going the way of Life, Look and others.

NEWEST BOOKS

GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING by David A. Redding (Word Books, \$4.95, 161 pp.) This is a book about hope. "The promises God made through his son Jesus Christ and his resurrection demonstrate beyond doubt his ultimate concern for all of us and his power to act," says the author. "God has been personally involved in human lives, from Adam's life through our own lives." Here are optimistic, stimulating, thorough insights into the realm of hope—the one ingredient we cannot live without."

THE LIFE GIVERS by W. O. Thomas (Broadman Press, 124 pp., \$3.50) This is an inspirational look at Christian concern in everyday living. The author defines a life giver as one who honestly esteems every person, "... who sees people as they can be and not as he must make them." Drawing his concept of life giving from the Bible and from his everyday experiences with the people he encounters, he has found each person to be in need of other people who can give of themselves freely. "Those who know the Source of Life have in them the power to be life givers," he notes. This book, illustrated with actual sketches, shows the need for life givers and tells how one may become a life giver.

A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF ORIGINS by Donald England (Baker, paper, 138 pp., \$2.95; The author leaves no doubt about his belief in God as the Creator and the Bible as the Word of the Creator God. Many figures and tables reinforce the text.

WHAT HAPPENED TO BETHANY? by Ann Thompson (Tyndale House, paperback, \$1.25, 98 pp.) A true story of a simple trust

and a great faith as told by a mother faced with the certain death of her three-month-old daughter, this book reveals how the wonderful power of God overcomes all, in the miraculous healing of the child. Says a doctor in the preface, "As the doctors were gently preparing Ann and John for the death of Bethany, God was preparing Bethany to be a witness to His healing."

SATAN, HIS PERSONALITY, POWER, AND OVERTHROW by E. M. Bounds (Baker, paper, 95c, 157 pp.) The author bases his observations about the Devil on Scriptural references to him. Satan's personality, his power, and eventual overthrow are unfolded in a lucid way, clearly exposed before the reader.

WHO'D STAY A MISSIONARY? by Helen Morgan (Christian Literature Crusade, paper, 77 pp., 95c) Helen Morgan follows her popular *Who'd Be a Missionary?* with a new and entertaining discussion of the problems faced by missionaries.

THE CLUE CHASER by F. M. Woodard (Christian Literature Crusade, paper, 72 pp., 85c) Here is an exciting story for children, about a young boy who wanted to be a detective and who therefore kept sticking his nose into things that were no real concern of his.

SAY IT WITH FOOD by Mary Jo Patterson (Mrs. Eugene N. Patterson) This is a new cookbook launched recently in New Orleans, at a meeting of the Prophetes, an organization of professors' wives and women faculty members at the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Patterson's husband, Mr. Eu-

gene N. Patterson, is professor of evangelism at the seminary. In addition to delicious recipes, the book includes menus, serving suggestions, and hints on etiquette. Especially helpful to the hostess who wishes to entertain graciously yet simply is the section, including menus, on buffet meals. This is a good book for brides who have had little experience in cooking and serving meals. The book is available at \$2.00 from the Baptist Book Store or directly from the author. (Dr. Patterson is a former pastor of First Church, Pascagoula, and First Church, Pelahatchie. He is now serving as supply pastor at New Palestine Church, near Picayune.)

LIVING THAT COUNTS by William J. Krutza and Philip P. Di Cicco (Baker, paper, 120 pp., \$1.25) A stimulating, relevant study guide to the book of James.

PARSON TO PERSON by Fred Thomas Laughon, Jr. (Printed by Storter Printing Co., Gainesville, Fla.) Dr. Laughon is now special assistant to Paul Stevens of the Radio-TV Commission. While he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Fla., 1957-72, he wrote a weekly column for his congregation, called "Parson to Person." This book contains selections from his fifteen years of columns. These warm and timely "conversations" with his church people were his way of relating Christian teachings to life's practical situations. (First printing sales are given as a gift to the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Building Fund.)



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilde Fancher—

I think for this column I will have to write about not having anything to write. I've sat a total of one hour and ten minutes with a piece of paper in front of me imploring the Muses or something to make an appearance.

While I've waited, I've doodled. The transparency of my Bic pen allows me to see I've doodled away roughly one-tenth of the ink. Once I got up to go to the refrigerator to get butter to see if a Bic really does write over it and to get a cube of ice to jab it into to see if one really writes cold. But then I feared the Muses might be equally as unmoving in their efforts to inspire me to clean up the mess therefrom. Also, there was the remote possibility that I might get an inspiration while the pen was buttery and icy, and if the commercials were wrong, I'd be unable to write.

So, I kept sitting. And waiting. So far, I have nothing to write about. But I'll go ahead and write something, anyway.

It's like the day you can't think of a thing to cook, but you go ahead and cook something. Or the day you can't sew a straight seam, but you go ahead and sew and rip the seams out. Or the day the basketball rolls around the rim and goes off instead of in, but you keep on shooting. Or the baseball goes through a hole in your bat, but you keep on swinging. Or the day the guy in the next office lands the contract you hoped for, but you keep on trying.

There is something to be said for such experiences — they don't happen every day. However, when they do happen we can muddle through them because we have hope that it will be a while before they happen again. Hope is a lovely commodity. It's what keeps us going. That's what I'll write my next week's column about — hope.

See you then.

I hope. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and used by FCC, comprised two-thirds of the total employment in commercial television. (Race Relations Reporter, Vol. 3, No. 10, December 11, 1972)

New York, The New York Times News Service — In less than four years, organized crime "families" in New York have made pornography their fastest-growing new racket. While it does not approach such staples as gambling, loan-sharking or narcotics in earnings, according to law enforcement officials, it has grown faster than all the rackets the families have developed in the last decade. In New York, organized crime dominates the production and distribution of pornographic movies, books and magazines, controls many of the stores that sell these materials and is now moving in on the growing number of massage parlors, the officials said. (Nashville Tennessean, 12-10-72)

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Former Mississippian Shares "Christmas In Hong Kong"

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Happy New Year from Hong Kong! I wanted to share with the Baptists of our state some of our observations and experiences of spending Christmas on a mission field on the other side of the globe. Since this was our first Christmas outside of the United States and away from family members and friends, it has made a unique impression on us.

First, to our astonishment and pleasant surprise, there are many lovely Christmas decorations in Hong Kong. Since the colony is over 98% Chinese and only 10% Christian we had not anticipated the display of Christmas trees, tinsel, lights, etc. In the huge Ocean Terminal building there were groups who played and sang Christmas carols. The sights are indeed breath-taking.

We had a Christmas banquet at Hong Kong Baptist College where the Baptist Association Choir sang carols in Cantonese and the cuisine was equally of Chinese derivation. Though we could not understand the lyrics of the carols, we experienced the lovely music and it meant much to us; the meal, however, was not nearly as satisfying to our taste as were the choral presentations.

Christmas day was unusual because three American servicemen who were in Hong Kong ate Christmas dinner with us. The three young men, who were from Scottsboro, Alabama, San Francisco, and the Philippines, respectively, added much to our enjoyment. The children helped prepare boxes of "goodies" for each of them.

On Christmas evening we had a gala mission play. We exchanged gifts, sang carols, had a play by some of the MKs, and a group of the small MKs sang and acted out "The Twelve Days of Christmas." One would never have guessed that these many missionaries and their families were half way around the world from their homes and loved ones.

found us serving as hosts at The Living Room, the servicemen's center operated by the Baptist Mission. There were several boys off the ships in the harbor (about twelve) and we were able to contribute a little, I think, to the happiness of these young men far away from home. I was able to chat a long time with a handsome, clean-cut and very large (6'4"), especially compared to Chinese, sailor from a little town in Kansas. Approximately nineteen or twenty years of age, he was noticeably melancholy as he talked about the difference of being in such a "new world" from his home town of 100 people. We sang some carols and I brought a short devotional. It was a memorable evening.

One of the most delightful events of the Christmas season was having approximately eighteen of our Chinese students in our home for a social hour. The students were so extremely gracious, kind and warm; we were able to share with them a little of Christmas.

Last night we had a New Year's Watch Night Service, so we were able to greet the new year. This morning one of the missionary families, the Victor Franks from Illinois, gave a brunch for the mission. Many of the missionaries were there, as the Franks' home was open from 9-12. Christmas 1972 — a unique and meaningful experience — we felt it, heard it, saw it, and, we experienced the love and joy of Christmas in Hong Kong.

Church Music Department Makes 'Choir Singing' Taped Lessons Available

The Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has prepared a series of cassette tapes on the subject "An Introduction to Choir Singing", and now is making the first one available to the general public. Another is scheduled for this spring.

These tapes are professional prepared, but are designed for inexperienced and even untrained, small church choir leader. They discuss techniques that are needed for developing a good choir program. An outstanding teacher presents the material, and a splendid choir assists in the demonstrations.

There are nine lessons in the series, each of them eight minutes in length. The lessons are on one standard tape cassette which sells for \$5.00.

William H. Sellers of the Baptist Record staff, a church music leader of long experience, has written the following review of the new tape for the Baptist Record:

"AN INTRODUCTION TO CHOIR SINGING," a tape designed for the untrained, inexperienced church choir singer. (Nine lessons, each eight minutes in length, Maurice Thompson, teacher) Techniques that really make a difference in morale, sight, and sound of the church choir. Teacher, Maurice Thompson, uses a demonstration choir to exemplify these techniques. An excellent tool for every music director to have in assisting his own training and teaching of his choirs. The nine lessons deal with the following subjects: Christian attitudes, rehearsal procedures, rhythm, attacks and releases, singing on pitch, articulation — enunciation — pronunciation, choral tone, repertoire, and appearance and deportment. This tape is well worth its cost of \$5 each, or six tapes for \$25. The tape or tapes may be ordered from the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

What Russians Buy In A Baptist Book Store

NASHVILLE — What happens when four Russian Baptist leaders are turned loose in a book store and invited to choose as many items as they can carry back to Russia with them?

They select books ranging from Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary to Bulut's The Meaning of the City, and "trinkets" ranging from pens to bookmarks, according to Gomer R. Lesch, Public Relations Director of the Sunday School Board, who helped them in their shopping spree.

The Russians — Michael Zhidkov, Alexei Bichkov, Claudia Pillupak, and Nikolai Melnikov, were the guests of Board Executive Secretary James L. Sullivan following the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee in Jamaica.

They wanted some American books and supplies, but were limited to the

amount they could take back into their country in their baggage. So, Sullivan assigned Lesch to accompany them to the Nashville Baptist Book Store for a shopping trip.

"Mrs. Pillupak first wanted an English Dictionary for the office of The Baptist Union of the USSR," said Lesch. "She also took some teaching pictures for her daughter, a biography of Billy Graham, and a copy of Women Who Made Bible History, by Ockenga."

Melnikov, of Kiev, didn't seem interested in books, according to Lesch. "He selected pens, bookmarks, prayer reminders, seals and small pictures, explaining that he wanted something for his grandchildren!"

Zhidkov, pastor of the Moscow Baptist Church, wanted the Broadman and Rozelle's Lesson Commentaries. He selected other Bible study books, plus some books on Baptist doctrine. In other selections, his tastes ranged

from The Black Christian Experience to A Cup of Cold Water to How to Build an Evangelistic Church to Five Minutes with the Bible and Science. Bichkov, General Secretary of the Baptist Union of the USSR, selected seven books on Glossalia, one on demons, one on Space Exploration and Science in the Bible. He rounded out his selections with a Bible Dictionary and a 1972 World Almanac.

When they got to the cash register, the store manager James Yarbrough found that he was fresh out of change for rubles. To avoid an international incident, Lesch arranged to have the books charged to his public relations budget. So, somewhere in Russia today, Baptist office workers are looking up words in their new Webster's Dictionary; a pastor is studying How to Build an Evangelistic Church; and a dotting grandfather is distributing Bible verse bookmarks to his loving grandchildren.

Attention, Churches:

Kings Arrow Ranch Is Prepared For Wintertime Retreating



Kings Arrow Ranch operates facilities which are more than adequate for wintertime retreating, according to Dave Simmons, founder and president of the ranch.

A "winterizing" program has just been completed to complement the ranch's other various facilities.

Located in the rolling timberland near Lumberton, just south of Hattiesburg, the ranch's activities include horse-riding, swimming, canoeing, camping, hiking, weightlifting, rodeo, fishing, scouting, football, baseball, and basketball.

Churches from New Orleans, Mobile, Jackson, Dallas, Shreveport and Atlanta have all used the ranch for retreats. Baptist Student Unions from Mississippi College and Jones County Junior College have also used the facilities.

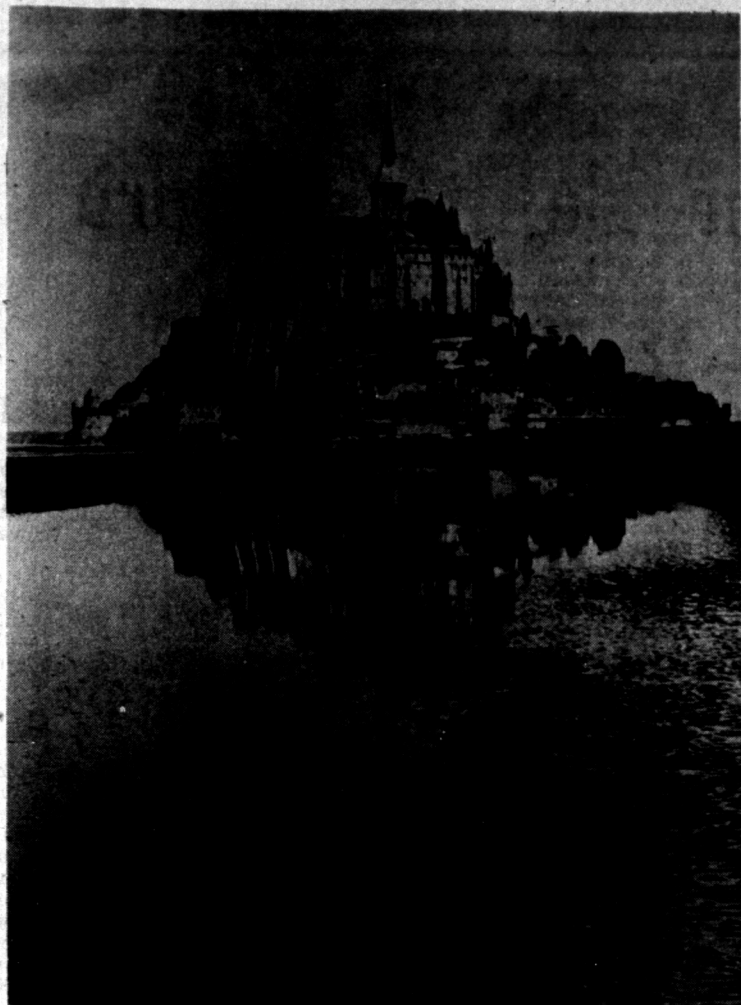
The western atmosphere of the camp is accentuated in the architecture of the bunkhouses, the ranch-house and the rodeo arena.

Simmons, an ex-NFL football player and ordained Baptist minister who is currently on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ, founded the ranch in 1969.

In August of that year, three months after work on the ranch had been completed, the tragedy of Hurricane Camille struck the ranch. The forceful winds completely destroyed the main buildings on the ranch site.

Simmons commented on the recovery work, "Through the help of many Baptist churches who sent work crews, the ranch was miraculously restored in time for the next summer's camping session."

In addition to church retreats, Kings Arrow Ranch operates a boy's ranch during the summer. One of the



Mont St. Michel on the Normandy Coast of France has been a place of Christian worship for 15 centuries. Sundays now, however, are more for the tourist than for the worshipper. (BP) Photo

Mont St. Michel: Sunday On The Rocks!

By W. C. Fields
Director, Baptist Press

On the coast of France, where Normandy and Brittany meet, stands a solitary island of rock rising abruptly out of the sea and sand: Mont St. Michel.

Sheep gaze serenely on the surrounding flatlands. High tides completely encircle the great stone pyramid with its crown of medieval church architecture. The place seems to float. Small wonder that a spot with such a dramatic thrust heavenward should be a shrine for Christian meditations during the last fifteen centuries.

The visitor mingles with throngs of pilgrims, long-robed priests and animated Frenchmen going up and down the numberless stairs. Inside the walls are the ramparts and parapets, the turreted chateaux, the terraces and little fig gardens that suddenly transport you back into the Middle Ages. Sundays are different here mainly because of the larger crowds, forever climbing and descending. You slip and slither over the slanting cobblestones clambering up to the ancient abbey which is the centerpiece of the island.

At the top of the abbey spire, 500 feet above the sea, is the gilded figure of the Archangel Michael to whom the place was dedicated in

A. D. 708. The great vaulted nave of the church, the choir lofts, the cloisters with their staggered columns, the huge supporting pillars, the refectory and monks' quarters, echo now not with the ritual of worship but with the tramp of tourist feet. Today the Gothic and Romanesque architecture is officially a monument, a keepsake of holiness that is mostly past.

Mont St. Michel is a living museum of man's struggle to relate to his maker. On its face are the scars of time and scattered over its rocky core are the chapels and battlements which attest to unending struggles between the sacred and the secular.

The place is a fortress and a good one. Often besieged, it was never taken by an assaulting army. In 1434 Henry V and the English tried to capture it and failed. Beside the main gate to the abbey city is one of the abandoned English cannons. It fired stone cannonballs. During the Wars of Religion the fort was attacked by the Huguenots, but to no avail.

Wandering through the labyrinth of chapels, dormitories, crypts, cisterns, hallways, libraries, archives and ancient workrooms, looking downward from the massive walls and glancing out narrow windows, far below the surrounding sea and tidal flats are always in view. The area has Europe's highest tides. They recede to reveal quicksand. Twice daily the water of the English Channel rushes in and out with the speed of a galloping horse. St. Aubert and the Benedictine monks knew what they were doing when they staked off this impregnable retreat site.

On the rocks of Le Mont St. Michel time telescopes and you walk back down the centuries. It is almost too much to grasp, particularly to us Americans for whom a 35-year old Coca Cola sign is quite a historic relic. But there it stands, a kind of rock of the ages, mute evidence of all the light and darkness which has attended man's search for faith through hundreds of generations.

Here was once a shrine to Belen, the Celtic god of light. Later there was one to the Roman god Mercury. Toward the end of the fifth century the mountain (once called Mt. Tombe) because a place of Christian worship. St. Aubert, the bishop of nearby Avranches (a pivotal place in the Normandy invasion of 1044) began a sanctuary here in A. D. 708.

From then on the good monks would shake down the tourists to add another level to the abbey, put a porch on here and there and keep the stone-carvers busy. Some of this fund-raising in the days of yore went into the defense budget. One can hear the tonsured friars explaining, "C'est la guerre, monsieur!" It is the war, sir! A king of all-purpose rationale.

They did quite well for the building fund. The present abbey (no ground-breaking ceremony among these rocks) was begun in 1017. And

investment income enabled the Annuity Board to credit 10 per cent to retirement funds being built up by 20,000 pastors and church and denominational workers still in active service. The good experience credit, effective Jan. 1, 1973, was announced earlier by the board.

The board also sent its usual Christmas-time gift to 392 persons who receive relief funds. These gifts totaled \$29,475, according to Morgan.

their building program is still going on! A USA-type Baptist church building fund campaign that exceeds three years shows exceptionally rare perseverance among the saints. Not so, the little clergymen in sandals and horsehair robes. By the time William of Normandy set out to conquer England (1066) the monastery on Le Mont St. Michel was rich enough to provide six warships for him.

More ecclesiastical architecture piled up with the thirteenth and sixteenth century in excelsis. Carvings, tapestries and statuary have thinned out somewhat, following the depredations of various groups who at times controlled the site. (The place was used as a prison at one melancholy stage.) Still around and noteworthy are the bas relief sculptures of the Four Evangelists with their traditional symbols — Matthew and the angel, Mark and the winged lion, Luke and the winged calf, John and the eagle.

Today Le Mont is a treasure island of the builder's art with its great vertical buttresses and crenelated walls, its Gothic pinnacles at giddy heights, its grotesque gargoyles and petrified lacework, all relics of a long stretch of Christian history when devotion tended to turn to stone. This era was not without its excesses of zeal, but its handiwork lives on.

Descent from the mountain of St. Michael is down Le Grand Rue and by the footfall of earlier visitors like as well as slope and are worn smooth by the footfall of earlier visitors likewise moving back to the sea. As in older times, the narrow walks are lined with half-timbered Norman houses, shops, inns, and hostels that fetch twice the prices of mainland establishments.

Holiday trippers today are offered a "menu gastronomique" including little oysters and cherrystone clams, omelettes and cider to fortify them for the monastic architecture.

Then there are the inevitable postcards and guidebooks. Merchants of souvenir crucifixes and synthetic cockleshells crouch like hermit crabs in every available corner. Money-changers at the temple have never been easily intimidated. And Sunday is like any other work day to the hawkers and peddlers.

Once down the steep slopes, out through the ancient fortified gate and across the causeway headed for the mainland, Mont St. Michel again gradually disappears into the sea-mists and lapses into the mystique of history.

Judgment For Me

By A Church Member

I dreamed I died the other night and I awoke to find myself standing alone before the Judgment Throne of God. I was so afraid, because I wasn't ready to die.

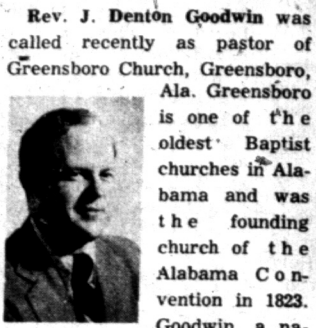
Then I began to try to tell God all the good things I'd done in my life. "Dear God," I said, "You know I went to church every Sunday and I paid my share to the church. Just look at all the missionaries that I helped pay their salaries."

Then God looked in his big book, "Lady, you gossiped and criticized all the preachers that I ever sent to your church. I don't find anything in the book where you ever prayed for your pastor. You talked about what he did do and you gossiped about what he didn't do. You listened to his sermons to see if you could find something wrong, and you took what he said and twisted it around to suit yourself, and then told your version all over the community, trying your best to cut him down every way you could. I never heard you say one good thing about your pastor."

"But God," I said, "I did like a preacher we had about 15 years ago. He always preached what I liked, a fine man." You never won a soul to Jesus, because you didn't have God in your heart, and the blind can't lead the blind. God is Love, and a person that is a child of God, a born-again believer, has God in his heart and there is no room in a heart for God and hate. One's gotta go. You didn't love your pastor. You didn't love your neighbor as yourself. Oh, I know you were fond of quite a few people, but you come first in your little world. You did everything you could to hurt my work on earth. You didn't really love me or my Son or you would have lifted up the people who were trying to do my will. You are a child of the devil. Depart from me."

Then I awoke. My body was bathed in perspiration. Fear gripped my whole soul. "My God," I cried, "I'm guilty. Forgive me of all my sins and save my soul." Then peace that passes all understanding came over me, and I would also, lift up other Christians and pray for them, as I also desire their prayers for me.

Names In The News



Rev. J. Denton Goodwin was called recently as pastor of Greensboro Church, Greensboro, Ala. Greensboro is one of the oldest Baptist churches in Alabama and was the founding church of the Alabama Convention in 1823. Goodwin, a native of Pascagoula, graduated from Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Goodwin is the former Barbara Davis of Indianapolis, also a graduate of Mississippi College. They have one son, Jonathan, 3. Prior to Greensboro, Goodwin served 3 years as associate pastor of First Church, Haleyville, Alabama. While a student at Southwestern, he served for three years with the Radio and Television Commission, S.B.C. as coordinator of foreign language radio program production.



G. Willis Bennett (left), director of field education at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., met recently with a number of the current field supervisors for the new doctor of ministry degree program. Among the supervisors is Dr. Raymond Lloyd, pastor of First Church, Starkville.

Rev. Ernest Steelman, former Mississippian who has been serving as pastor in Tennessee, has moved to the pastorate of First Church, Thibodaux, Louisiana, where he began his duties January 17. His new address is P. O. Box 847, Thibodaux, La.

Rev. Jerry Mixon is entering full-time evangelism, as a Southern Baptist evangelist. A Mississippian, he graduated from William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. In addition to serving ten years in the pastorate, he has had experience in rallies, revivals, crusades, retreats, and lay evangelism schools. Also he has been a teacher and coach, and army chaplain's assistant, and is a writer. His latest song will appear in *Church Training Magazine*, March, 1973. For several years he wrote the column "Pew Point," for the newspaper in Magnolia. He is married to the former Victoria Beech and has two children, Jeffrey and Lanay. He will live at 150 Vassar Drive, Pensacola, Fla. until Feb. 1. After that date he may be addressed at P. O. Box 191, Petal, Miss.

Bill Michael, inspirational vocalist, announces the release of his latest stereo album, "The King Is Coming." The album is available free of charge to anyone not now on his mailing list. This is Mr. Michael's way of introducing his talents to a wider audience. The album contains: "The King Is Coming," "Who Am I?", "Because He Lives," "Reach Out To Jesus," "Sweet Holy Spirit" and six others. You may get your copy by writing: Bill Michael, P. O. Box 2334, Joplin, Missouri 64801.

Sermons and sermon abstracts titled "Living by Faith" by Don R. Cooper (Southaven); "Christ: the Only Hope" by W. Douglas Hudgins (Jackson); "A Word from the Sentenced" by J. Roy McComb (Brookhaven); "The Meaning of the Crucifixion" by John Werck (Lucedale), and "When Is Enough Enough?" by James N. Metts, Jr., (Indianola) are featured in the 1973 edition of "The Ministers Manual," published by Harper & Row of New York and London.



Salem Church (Lauderdale) recently awarded 12-year pins to two men for perfect attendance in Sunday School for 12 years. They are, left, R. W. Shelton; and right, John Johnson. The pastor, Rev. Jerry R. McMullen is in the center.



Milfred Valentine, minister of music at Second Avenue Church, Laurel, received the Laurel Jaycees' Faith in God Award for having been chosen as the Outstanding Young Man of 1972 in Laurel and Jones County. This award is given annually to an area layman for demonstrating outstanding service to church and community. Valentine was cited for his outstanding work with young people. He is the Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Jones County Junior College, and works with hundreds of young people on campus and also in his church. He is a native of Jones County, is married to the former Linda Jones, and they are the parents of two children, David and Vicki. In the photo from left to right are F. M. Smith, Jr., Jaycee Chairman of the event; Valentine; and Ben Samel, President of the Laurel Jaycees.

The Lebanon Baptist Ministers Association heard Dr. J. Clark Hensley speak on "The Pastor in Family Relations" at its monthly meeting held Jan. 8 in the Brooklyn Church. There were 35 ministers present for the meal prepared by the women of the church.

NASHVILLE (BP)—James L. Powell Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Laurinburg, N. C., has been named assistant director of Cooperative Program promotion for the Stewardship Commission here, effective Jan. 1.

The addition of Powell to the staff will enable the commission to fulfill the increasing requests for assistance including national promotion of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, the denomination's unified budget plan for world missions support, according to Michael Speer, director of Cooperative Program promotion for the commission.

Before going to the Laurinburg, N. C., church as pastor, Powell was assistant to the president and assistant director of the foundation at Southern Seminary, Louisville.



Mrs. Bobby Ray Payne (center), a Mississippi assistant attorney general in Jackson, turned her attention from law to art recently when she toured the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth. Her tour-leader was a former University of Mississippi classmate, Eldon Sparrow (right), the Commission's Director of Technical Resources. One of the Commission's artists, Mrs. Melynda Wester, described a salvation brochure mailed to people who write about the Commission-sponsored "Country Crossroads" program. Mrs. Wester is the daughter-in-law of Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg. Mrs. Payne and her family are members of McLaurin Heights Church, Jackson. —(Radio-TV Commission Photo)

Mrs. Loye Stephens is now serving First Church, Eupora as minister of music. Prior to acceptance of this position she taught public school music in the Greenwood and Eupora schools. Mrs. Stephens is the former Amy Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Oliver of Eupora. She is a graduate of Mississippi College with a degree in Music education. Her husband is employed by Garas as Office Manager for the Eupora plant. They are the parents of one child, Stephanie, 3.

Mrs. Margaret DeHaan, right, with her pastor, Rev. Perry D. Neal, First Church, Bay St. Louis, is recipient of a 6-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday School.

Dr. Phillips R. McCarty, associate professor of Bible and religious education at Mississippi College, was one of several guest specialists who cooperated with New Orleans Seminary professors Jan. 2-12 in a new dimension of seminary training called "Inter-term." Dr. McCarty joined Dr. Stanley J. Watson, chairman of the seminary's Division of Religious Education ministries and professor of youth education, in teaching "Christian Ministry to Today's Youth—On the Campus and in the Street." Other guest specialists on the New Orleans campus for interterm were Robert L. Jones, minister of music for Fifth Avenue Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. Robert S. Magee, pastor of Temple Church, Ruston, La.; Dr. Larry G. Rohman, pastor of First Church, Jackson; and Dr. Grady Wilson, associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Mrs. Margaret DeHaan, right, with her pastor, Rev. Perry D. Neal, First Church, Bay St. Louis, is recipient of a 6-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday School.

Paul J. Pryor, administrator of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, has announced that Mrs. Virginia Walker will be the new assistant director of nursing services at the hospital. Mrs. John-nye Weber is director of nursing service. Mrs. Walker came to Mississippi when her husband, Dr. William Glick Walker, was transferred to Jackson as chief of dental services at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

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Seminary Extension At MC To Offer Six Spring Classes

Six different classes will be taught during the Spring semester of the Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center, Dr. Eugene I. Farr, director, has announced.

Dr. Farr indicated that classes will be available in music, Old Testament and New Testament on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights for pastors, laymen, Sunday School teachers, and other interested persons in the central Mississippi area.

The Spring session will begin on Feb. 26 and continue through May 3. Registration is now taking place in the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission office in the Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College or may be completed at the first class session.

Available on Monday nights will be Music 115 — Elementary Directing, taught by Dennis McIntire; and New Testament 112 — Life of Christ, taught by Dr. Farr.

Tuesday night classes will be New Testament 122 — Pentecost to Patmos, taught by Dr. A. A. Kitchings; New Testament 272 — Book of Acts, taught by Dr. E. R. Pierson; and Old Testament 111 — Adam through David, taught by Dr. Farr.

The lone offering on Thursday night will be Solomon through Malachi, with Dr. Farr doing the instructing.

Classes will run from 7 to 9 p.m. each night with the cost to each enrollee being \$12 plus the cost of the textbook. Sessions will be held on the Mississippi College campus and at the First Baptist Church of Clinton.

Anyone over 16 years of age may register in the Seminary Extension program. Enrollees can receive one semester hour of college credit provided they are high school graduates.

Individuals desiring additional information should contact Dr. Farr at 924-6172 or 924-6527 or write Mississippi College Seminary Extension, 203 West Lakeview, Clinton, Miss., 39056.

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At the reception given by First, Durant, are left to right, Sheryl Makamson, Rev. Durrell Makamson, and David Young.

Durant Pastor To Be Associate Pastor, Broadmoor, Jackson

Rev. Durrell Makamson has accepted a call to Broadmoor Church, Jackson, as associate pastor.

Mr. Makamson, his wife, and daughter Sheryl moved to First Church, Durant, in March 1960 from the Stopenwall Church.

In November, 1971, pastor Makamson lost his wife, Mrs. Marie Buford Makamson, by death. A Grand Piano was given to the church by the family and friends as a memorial to her.

While in Durant, Makamson was loyal to the denominational program, cooperative in spirit, and congenial in fellowship.

On December 31, a reception was given for him and his daughter, Sheryl. The church presented him with a gold watch, the years he spent in Durant as pastor of First Church, inscribed on it as a token of love.

Dr. David Grant is pastor at Broadmoor.

Pine Bluff, Ark., delivered the commencement address and Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, presented the degrees.

Mississippi graduates and their degrees were Raymon Quin Leake, left, of Columbia, Master of Divinity; Thomas Reese McKibbens, Jr., right, of Laurel, Master of Divinity; and James Roland Barran (not pictured) of Clarksdale, Doctor of Theology.

Oakland Heights Calls Pastor

Oakland Heights Church, Lauderdale Association, recently welcomed Rev. and Mrs. James E. Parker, Parker assumed pastorate of the church on January 3.

Born in Aberdeen, Mr. Parker graduated from Clarke College, Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary. He has been pastor of Hebron Church (Clay) and Woodbine, Gainesville, Texas. Before accepting his present pastorate, he served as pastor of Kilmichael Church for three and one-half years. He also served two years as moderator of the Montgomery Association and in other positions of associational work.

Mrs. Parker is the former Dorothy Haggard of Louisville. She graduated from Clarke College, and earned her B. S. degree in elementary education at Mississippi College.

Delta D. Cruise Dies

Services were held Dec. 29, at 10 a.m. at New Zion Church for Delta D. Cruise, 76, of Liberty. He was the husband of Mrs. Reda Cruise.

Rev. Basil Wicker, Rev. John Watts, Rev. R. G. Kirkland, and Rev. Jimmy Fulton officiated.

Survivors in addition to his wife are one son, Willie Joe Cruise, Liberty; one daughter, Mrs. Yvonne Rice, Liberty; and four grandchildren.

In 1906 Mr. Cruise was united with the New Zion Baptist Church of which he remained a member until his death. He taught Sunday School and served as Supt. of the Sunday School for many years, and was an active deacon for 40 years.

He was a veteran of World War I, a member of Barrack 3277 and was Chaplain of the Barracks since its organization. He was also a member of the American Legion.



Shady Grove Burns Note

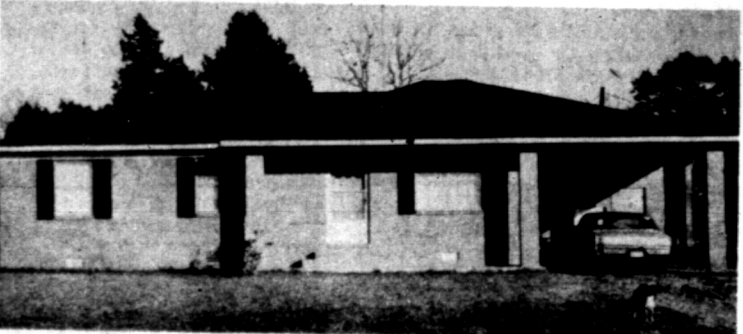
Burning the church note of Shady Grove Church and educational building in Webster County, front row, left to right, are Jimmy Farley, Rev. S.

E. O'Brian, Jr., pastor, Pascal Hodges, Rev. J. H. Sherman, George Salley, Johnny Reese, Back row, Jim Murphy and Marion Hodges. (Photo by Hubert B. Scrivener.)



Salem Dedicates New Annex

Salem Church (Lauderdale) recently held a dedication service for their new annex, consisting of five large Sunday School rooms and new pastor's study on the top floor with a large recreation room on the bottom floor with a full kitchen. Rev. Jerry McMullen is pastor.



Cherry Creek Pastorium Is Debt-free

Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc County, recently burned the note on their new debt-free two-year-old pastorium. The fully carpeted house, above, has three bedrooms, one and one-half baths, and central heat and air.



Dr. Rogers Attends 'Rural-Urban' Group Meeting In Atlanta

Dr. Foy Rogers, of Jackson, attended a meeting of the "Rural-Urban" Strategy Planning Committee held in Atlanta this week.

Dr. Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, said that the invitation came from Rev. Larry Bryson, assistant director, Rural-Urban Missions Department of the Home Mission Board.

Mr. Bryson said that this long range advisory committee of leaders from throughout the SBC had been called for the purpose of assisting the rural-urban program leaders in designing a national strategy for the next ten years.

He added that committee members were selected because of their involvement, experience and commitment to the church and community in rural-urban America.



Three Mississippians Receive Degrees From Southern Seminary

Three Mississippi students were among the more than 120 graduates who received degrees during December 16 commencement at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. John H. McClanahan, pastor of First Church,

To Study At Night

Rev. Marvin Cox, right, talks with D. H. Guyton, business manager of Blue Mountain College, about his application to the evening class program of the college. The program began on January 15. Mr. Cox is pastor of Martin Church, New Albany.

Old Testament Illustrates God's Concern For His People

By Clifton J. Allen
Ezekiel 34

A central truth of the Old Testament is that God cares for his people. This is illustrated at many points by the figure of the shepherd and his sheep. Hardly any figure could have been more meaningful for the people of Israel. Their background was largely agricultural. The relationship of shepherd and sheep, so well known to the people, was one of intimacy, protection and security, leading and guiding. Therefore, it was both appropriate and effective for Ezekiel to use the illustration of shepherd and sheep to declare God's condemnation and judgment related to the faithless and wicked rulers of the people and to teach the sublime truth about God's unfailing concern for his scattered people. God's revelation through Ezekiel gave brighter hope for the future.

INDICMENT OF FAITHLESS SHEPHERDS (vv. 1-2, 7-10)

Ezekiel received a word from the Lord, a specific charge to prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. The reference seems to be to kings and rulers, the leaders of the people. These rulers were meant to be stewards of the people's welfare. But, instead, they abused their power and exploited it to enrich themselves.

The measure of their faithlessness and wickedness is seen in verses 3-6. No wonder God condemned them. They were guilty of ruthless neglect and harsh rule. They took advantage of the weak, had no care for the sick, gave no attention to the crippled, and left the strayed to fall victims to wild beasts. God's righteous reaction is impressed by his declaring, and confirming it by an oath, that he is against the faithless shepherds, that he will remove them from their places of trust, and that he will rescue his sheep out of their hands. The faithless rulers had betrayed their place of leadership by self-interest and careless neglect.

GOD HIMSELF TO BECOME THE SHEPHERD (vv. 11-15)

God declares that he will himself assume the role of the shepherd. He will perform the tasks or duties of the faithful shepherd. Therefore, he will seek the wandering and scattered sheep. He will rescue them from place of danger. He will bring his people from places where they are scattered and gather them in their own land. He will provide for them, as a shepherd leads his flock to places of rich pasture. His shepherding concern will be personal. He will fill the roll of the true shepherd, so that the sheep will be reestablished with abundance and security. All this is stressed to emphasize the goodness and faithfulness of God in his loving concern for the well-being of his people and their joy and blessedness in his care.

THE SEEKING GOD

A central truth revealed by this passage from Ezekiel is one about the nature of God. This insight came to Ezekiel with depth and force. He came to see that God was the seeking God. He was always seeking to reveal himself that they might understand something of his holiness and majesty and also something of his mercy and love. He was always seeking to encourage his people in trust and obedience. He sought to lead his people to the point that they would feel the reality and nearness of his presence and be willing to walk in his ways and fulfill his purpose. God was always trying to wean his people away from the share of idolatry and the peril of injustice and the folly of pride. He was always seeking to elicit from them true repentance that he might forgive them and accomplish his purpose through them. God took the initiative because he was the caring God, the God of love and grace.

Truths to Live By

The Lord is my shepherd. — This matchless truth from the twenty-third Psalm speaks volumes of truth. It helps us to understand more about the nature and activity of God. His people are his supreme concern. We can say "my shepherd" because we know that each of us is known by the Lord and is the object of his care. God does not look upon mankind or even a group of people en masse. He knows each one as an individual.

The loving care of God never ceases. — It is not easy to remember this

truth. Crushing disappointment may cause us to doubt God's care. The alcoholic or the person addicted to the use of drugs or the young woman expecting an illegitimate child—and do not forget the equal guilt of the father of that child—may cry out, Does God care? The starving and handicapped multitudes of the earth may ask, Does God care? This is a hard question. The fact that God cares does not mean that we can always escape hardship and affliction; it does not mean that life can be without suffering. The truth of the Bible is that God cares because God is love. He is always alert to

every pain and every personal grief. We can cast all our anxieties and failures and sins on the Lord because his grace is greater than our sins and is equal to all our needs.

God's care should inspire meaningful response. — Unbelievers have no right to persist in following their own way, turning away in rebellion against God. Let them rather turn to the Lord, for he will have mercy and will abundantly pardon. Christians have no right to neglect their salvation, to stray from the paths of righteousness, and to grieve the Holy Spirit by indifference and disobedience.

Harrison St. John Memorial Concert Set For MC Jan. 21

At 3 p.m. in Provine Chapel, Mississippi College, Professor Billy R. Trotter will be presented by the Music Department in a memorial service honoring the late Harrison P. St. John of Brooksville. The generous contribution of the late Mr. St. John's family was responsible for the purchase and installation of the 33-rank M. P. Moller pipe organ which was dedicated January 18, 1970.



St. John

Mr. St. John was the youngest of seven sons born to D. T. and Sallie Love St. John. All seven of these sons attended Mississippi College. Harrison, born February 5, 1902, attended

the public schools of Brooksville, and was graduated with distinction from Mississippi College in 1924.

After graduation he taught in the public schools of Mississippi for 33 years. During that period he did graduate work at the University of Mississippi and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee.

In the summer of 1931 he married Lillian Morris of Senatobia, who taught with him until their retirement. The last seven years of his teaching career were spent as superintendent of the schools in his hometown of Brooksville.

St. John was a member of the Brooksville Baptist Church. He served as superintendent of the Sunday School, chairman of the deacons, and for many years was teacher of the men's Bible class. He was active in community affairs and served as pre-



Trotter

sident of various Rotary Clubs. In 1963 he was elected to the board of directors of the Standard Life Insurance Company, Jackson.

Mr. St. John died after a brief illness July 28, 1972. He is survived by his wife; a brother, Garland St. John of Brooksville; a niece, Mrs. Sarah St. John Peterson of Tupelo; two nephews, Drew T. St. John of Alexandria, Virginia and R. T. St. John of New York City.

Billy R. Trotter is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, where he attended Knoxville High School. He served in the United States Air Force and returned to receive the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Carson-Newman College. He received the Master of Music degree from George Peabody College. Further graduate work has been completed at George Peabody College. Mr. Trotter came to Mississippi College in 1965 to teach organ, church music and theory. He has also served as college organist and has played recitals in Mississippi, Georgia, Ala-

Outreach Workshop To Be Held At Forest Jan. 25

The Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is joining with Scott County Association in sponsoring an Area Outreach Workshop, January 25 at Forest Church.

There will be three sessions—morning session from 10 a.m. until 12:15; afternoon session from 2 until 4:30; and night session from 6:45 until 9:15. F. J. (Jack) Redford, secretary, Department of Church Extension, Home Mission Board, will bring a message at each session on the subject of outreach. M. Wendell Belew, director, Division of Missions, Home Mission Board, will bring a message at each session on the subject of church growth. Time will be allowed for group discussion following each message.

"Missionaries, pastors, and all association and church officers, plus laymen who are interested in pioneer missions, are urged to attend this conference. Any others are welcome," states Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department.

Back To Bible Quartet To Sing In Jackson

The male quartet of the Back to the Bible Broadcast will present a sacred concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, at a HIM-TIME rally, at the St. Paul Methodist Church, Independent, located on Raymond Road, in Jackson.

Locally, the Back to the Bible radio program is heard Monday through Friday at 12:45 p.m. and Saturday at 1:15 p.m., on WCPC, Houston; and Monday through Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. on WKYV FM, Vicksburg. It is also heard Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. on WSJC-AM, Magee; and Monday through Saturday at 9:00 a.m. on WKOZ, Kosciusko.

bama and Tennessee. He serves as the organist for the First Baptist Church, Clinton.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Whose Is The Church?

I Corinthians 3:5-23
By Bill Duncan

Engineers tell us that a steam locomotive must exert a pull of as much as 30 lbs. for every ton of weight in a railroad car to start it from a standstill, and even more in cold weather. Once the car is in motion, only about three pounds per ton may be needed to keep it moving on a straight and level track.

It takes more spiritual power, too, to start a church that is at a standstill because of lack of the warm blood of spiritual life.

The church at Corinth and all other churches that honor Jesus Christ possess the Holy Spirit. The temple in which God dwells by the Holy Spirit is the body of Christ called the church.

But when a factious spirit divides the fellowship, the temple is destroyed. First of all, it is impossible for the Spirit to operate. That which destroys the love and fellowship in the church destroys the temple of God. A split in a church reduces the building to a series of disconnected ruins.

The seriousness of the divisions at Corinth is shown in the light of the character of the church as God's temple. Because it is God's temple the man who fails to react rightly toward it is guilty of a great sin. The punishment for defiling and destroying the church is in the same manner very serious. The church belongs to God and he will take care of any person who hinders the church.

Ministers are God's workmen employed in the work of the God. The churches do not belong to them. Paul saw himself as a foundation layer, and then he would move on to new fields. Then Apollos followed Paul and did his work in the same sphere of responsible action.

Paul laid a foundation for a church in the proclamation of the facts about the offer of Jesus Christ. It was his tremendous function to introduce men to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church because it is in him that a believer gains three things. (1) He finds forgiveness for past sins. God becomes a friend and not an enemy. (2) He finds strength for daily living. He can live a life in which nothing can separate him from the love of God in Christ Jesus his Lord. (3) He finds hope for the future. He lives in a world where God is in control. Without Christ as the foundation, man cannot have any

of these. Man cannot build his life on any other truth than Jesus Christ. No man can begin anywhere else.

The church that belongs to God must be built out of costly building materials. The workman must choose to make the building as worthy of the foundation as is possible. Worthless material such as wood, hay and stubble will be burned. There will come a testing for the building and the quality of the work, not the quantity of work, will stand the test.

The root cause of the divisions and consequent destruction of the temple of God is the worship of intellectual worldly wisdom. It is pride in the human mind which makes them evaluate and criticize the way in which the message is delivered rather than think only of the content of the message itself. Paul urges the wise to become as fools. This is simply a way of urging a man to be humble enough to learn. No one can teach another who thinks that he knows it all already. We all must confess our ignorance.

Evidently members of each group in the church were priding themselves and their chosen leaders on being wiser than the others. Man cannot please God in his church with the wisdom of this world. If it is God's church, then God's message should be preached. This is the wisdom that can accomplish the job of saving men.

In the church that belongs to God, are we builders or wreckers? Napoleon Bonaparte wanted to be a writer, but the essays he submitted were laughed at. Adolf Hitler aspired to be a painter, but his work was rebuffed. Frustrated in their desires to be creative, both Hitler and Napoleon turned their energies toward destructiveness. Other examples can be found throughout history, because a basic human need is for creative self-expression. If this need is dammed up or diverted, it often expresses itself in the opposite direction. "The man who cannot create wants to destroy." The man who is Spirit-controlled will be adding fruit to the harvest, but the one who thinks the church belongs to a man will be destructive.

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Dr. Marsh Returns From Two-Week Study Tour In Switzerland

Dr. Robert Marsh, pastor of First Church, Laurel, with his wife and teen-age son, has just returned from Ruschlikon, Switzerland. The Marshes spent the Christmas season at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, using this holiday season to study and visit Mrs. Marsh's sister and brother-in-law, who are students at the Baptist seminary.

Dr. Marsh was able to attend the graduation services for four seminary students, the first graduating class for the new president, Dr. Penrose St. Amant, a former professor of church history at New Orleans, of Dr. Marsh. The Marsh family was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. St. Amant for supper after the graduation.

The subject of the brief study by Dr. Marsh was the life, times, and death of Zwingli, the leader of the Reformation in Zurich. Koppel, the place of Zwingli's death was visited, with a group of graduate students. Zwingli's church, the famous Grossmünster, was visited several times, including a Christmas Eve service.

Dr. Marsh and his family, along with Mr. and Mrs. Joel Richardson, made a trip into Austria, spending several days in Innsbruck, returning to Zurich through Lechenstein and Germany. This was the second study trip during the past year for Dr. Marsh, having studied at Cambridge, England and L'Abri, Switzerland in 1971. The Marshes returned to the States December 28.

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Devotional

Evangelism: Response To Necessity

By Roy Collum, secretary, Department of Evangelism, MBCB

Whether a person is a liberal or a conservative, in theology or in politics, depends upon his interpretation of the Doctrine of Original Sin. To believe that man is essentially good, with a potential for evil, is to believe that with a little help to improve himself he can become good. If he is poor, hungry, and frustrated, and therefore immoral, all he needs to become a good man and a good citizen is for some benevolent government or private agency to meet his personal needs. His moral and spiritual needs can be met by the acceptance of a higher goal and the imitation, insofar as is humanly possible, of the life of Jesus. This is the basic concept of the liberal.

To believe that man is essentially evil, with a potential for good, is to believe that his nature must be changed before he can become essentially good. Unless his very life is changed, he is depraved in his morality, and deprived of the only possible means for realizing his true potential for good. The power to change his life is not within him. It must come from a source above and beyond the boundaries of himself. This is the basic concept of the conservative.

Quite obviously, Baptists are conservative. We believe that man is a sinner, lost and undone, spiritually dead, and "without hope in the world." We firmly believe that man without Christ is already condemned because of his sin. Evangelism, therefore, must deal firmly with this desperate need in the lives of men.

Repentance must be emphasized as an urgent, absolute necessity. To attempt to win men to Christ simply by leading them to a confession of faith in Christ without laying strong emphasis on the point that they must truly repent of their sins is to mislead them and to fail them in their time of decision. John came preaching repentance. Jesus preached repentance. It is not easy to confront those who are trying to win with the fact that they are sinners, and to point out that they must face their sin for what it is and for whose it is. No one wants to face the awful truth about himself.

The testimony of the redeemed, however, is unanimous. It can be done. It must be done. Then, and only then, can the wonder and power of God's redeeming mercy be truly realized.

New Soul Winning Training Aid Is Introduced

A new development plan for soul-winners in a highly versatile format has been announced by the Wayne Tucker Evangelistic Association of Houston, Texas.

Evangelist Wayne Tucker, pictured "grew the plan through experience," a highly successful 15-year experience as pastor - evangelist. For two consecutive years at Uvalde Baptist Church, Houston, Tucker led the church to more than 200 baptisms a year, bringing the 1500-member congregation to fifth in the state in baptisms.

Called "The Winning Witness," its basic form is a series of 13 church bulletin forms, which use the inside pages for witnessing lessons, inspira-

tional and motivational articles by Tucker, and a special "Youth Corner," written by the evangelist's son, Tim.

Churches may print their usual church bulletin or church paper information on pages one and four of "The Winning Witness" series.

The series is also available in leaflet form for use as bulletin inserts, direct mail pieces, special revival preparation classes, and as supplemental materials for Church Training sessions on Sunday nights.

"Wayne Tucker's material on witnessing is sound, sensible, and practical," said Pastor John R. Bisagno of Houston's First Baptist Church, who has scheduled it for use in the near future. "Any church can use it and profit from it."

The program, which calls for supporting sermons by the pastor, assignments of prospects and follow-up during its use, has now been field tested in over 100 churches in 14 states.

By gearing to the weekly use as a bulletin, Tucker feels, the course has

Minister Dies In Memphis

Rev. John Grayson Miller, pastor of Broadway Church, Memphis, was stricken Dec. 24 after the close of the morning worship services at his church and was pronounced dead at Baptist Hospital. He was 55.

Mr. Miller had served as president of the Shelby County Pastors Conference and as chairman for evangelism of Shelby Association. At the time of his death he was a member of Tennessee Southern Baptist executive board.

A graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary, he had been pastor at Broadway Church 20 years. His home was at 1641 Janis Drive, Memphis.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Josephine Dunaway Miller; his daughter, Mrs. John C. Norton; his son, John David Miller, all of Memphis; his mother, Mrs. Emma Miller of Columbia, Miss., three brothers, William M. Miller of Magnolia, Ark., Hollis L. Miller of New Orleans, and D. R. Miller of Jackson, Miss., and three sisters, Mrs. Coy Bass of Franklington, La., Mrs. Ray Shivers of Clinton, Miss., and Mrs. Carroll Campbell of Columbia, Miss.

While a student at Mississippi College, Mr. Miller was pastor of Cedar Grove near Columbia, and at Goss. His Memphis congregation numbered 2,000, meeting in all new facilities valued at 1.5 million dollars, in the Whitehaven area of the city.

WINDHOEK, South West Africa

The only Baptist congregation in this capital city will soon begin construction of the first Baptist church building in South West Africa. After a long wait for a building site, the church has obtained at nominal cost a choice plot on a principal avenue. Southern Baptist missionary associate Charles Whitson is pastor.

its greatest effect. "Most witnessing programs try to put too much in too little space, too much in too short a time," he observes. The weekly use in the church bulletin offers a regular opportunity for review, reminder of responsibility, field work in actual experience, and the cumulative effect as success stories build enthusiasm, according to Tucker.

The bulletin forms, or a "Winning Witness Companion Packet," which includes all the lesson leaflets and a Winning Witness marked New Testament, are available in most Baptist Book Stores. It is also being translated into Spanish. Additional information is available direct from The Winning Witness, 150 Buckboard, Houston, Texas 77037.



McLaurin Serves Italian Banquet

McLaurin Church Fellowship Hall was the setting for a foreign mission study and banquet for the Acteens of Lebanon Association. Since the emphasis for this year was on Europe, the women of the McLaurin WMU prepared and served an authentic Italian dinner to 75 girls, leaders, and guests. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Holifield, missionaries to Italy, home on furlough, were guest speakers. The Holifield children Mary, Jane, Nathan, and Martha entertained with music. Pictured above are Rev. and Mrs. George Bosarge (Rev. Bosarge is pastor at McLaurin); Rev. and Mrs. Holifield; and Dr. and Mrs. Joel Ray. (Dr. Ray is supt. of missions for Lebanon Association and Mrs. Ray is associational WMU director.) Mrs. Frances Causey is associational Acteens director; Mrs. Bobby Dunkley and Mrs. Wanda Poynter are Acteen leaders at McLaurin; and Mrs. Joncie Howell is WMU director.

Pascagoula's Calvary Choir To Present "The King Is Coming" In Hattiesburg

Pascagoula's Calvary Sanctuary Choir will present an original dramatic musical, THE KING IS COMING, at 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, January 28 at 7 p.m.

THE KING IS COMING is an original production concerning the events of the latter days and the second coming of Christ. Mrs. Jim

Burkes, a member of the choir, is author of the script, and Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the choir, has set the script to music and drama.

The 50 - voice Calvary Sanctuary Choir presented this production two nights last June in Pascagoula. Since then they have presented it 13 times in Mobile, Meridian, First Church, Columbia, and Laurel.

Rev. James Miller, associate pastor, is sermon narrator; Buddy Mathis, 18 year - old evangelist, portrays character narrations for the pantomime scenes and accompanies the choir on several numbers with the trumpet.

Rev. Byron E. Mathis is pastor of the Calvary Church.

TAWAU, Malaysia - Isaac Yim Yee Sart, pastor of Tawau Baptist Church, has become the first pastor to be ordained in the state of Sabah, where Baptist work is relatively new. Pastor Yim is a recent graduate of the Malaysia - Singapore Baptist Theological Seminary in Penang.

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed; easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

Off The Record

Epitaph on the grave of a hypocrite: "I told you I was sick!" - Phil Stone in Toronto Telegram

The lawyer I was working for was summoned to the bedside of an octogenarian who had only a few days to live and wanted to make his will. I went along as a witness.

"To my son Jim, in fatherly love," the old man began, "I bequeath \$10,000. To my son John the same, and to each of my eight grandchildren, \$1000."

The lawyer interrupted. "Hold on there, Mr. Roberts," he said. "Your estate isn't worth more than \$3000 - just how do you suppose these beneficiaries are going to get the money?"

Mr. Roberts reared up indignantly on his bed. "Get it!" he shouted. "Let 'em work for it, same as I had to do!" - Edward H. Waples

Worried over what to give his girl for her birthday, my grandson asked his mother for help. "Mom," he said, "if you were going to be 16 years old tomorrow, what would you want?"

Her heartfelt reply was: "Not another thing!" - Mrs. Charles McFarland

Small boy, showing teacher's report card to his father: "They're not paying her enough, for one thing!" - Mort Walker in The American Legion Magazine



Given New Car

Pictured, left, is Rev. Marvin D. Bibb, pastor of Trinity Church, Vicksburg, as he is being presented the key to a new Plymouth Fury III automobile. Steve Cook, chairman of deacons, is making the presentation. Mr. Bibb has been pastor of Trinity for two years and four months.

How To Get People To Come To Training Union Conference

January 29-February 2, 1973

Below are listed the date and place for a special conference on HOW TO GET PEOPLE TO COME TO TRAINING UNION. This has been planned by associational leaders with the cooperation and full support of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND????? All church-elected church training workers and members of adult training groups. The larger the number of workers to attend, the greater the support for enlistment programs inaugurated following the conference.

WHAT TIME DOES IT BEGIN????? 7:00 p.m.

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE????? (1) To discuss every approach to the enlistment of people in

church training that can be presented in the time scheduled and (2) to lead each church participating to make definite plans for enlisting people in their church training programs. The content for each conference has been prepared by Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work, Mississippi Church Training Department. Each conference leader has been asked to use the same basic conference outline.

A special "Enlistment Packet" of materials has been prepared for distribution to and use by each church participating in the conference. THIS PACKET IS FOR CONFERENCE USE and will not be available except to those who do participate in the conference.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES

Association	Date	Meeting Place	Conference Leader	Association	Date	Meeting Place	Conference Leader	Association	Date	Meeting Place	Conference Leader	Association	Date	Meeting Place	Conference Leader
Adams	Tuesday January 30	Immanuel Baptist Church Natchez	Don Whitehouse Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Hinds-Madison	Monday January 29	Briarwood Baptist Church Jackson	Dr. Earl Murphy Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Lowndes	Friday February 2	First Baptist Church Columbus	Dr. Earl Murphy Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Riverside	Monday January 29	Lyon Baptist Church Lyon	Bill Young Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee
Alcorn	Thursday February 1	Tate Street Baptist Church Corinth	Luell Smith Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Itawamba	Friday February 2	Trinity Baptist Church Fulton	Jeff Futrell South Carolina Church Training Department	Marion	Monday January 22	Calvary Baptist Church Columbia	Bill Latham Mississippi Church Training Department	Scott	Monday January 29	Forest Baptist Church Forest	Marlan Seward Minister of Education Alta Woods Baptist Church Training Department
Attala	Monday January 29	Parkway Baptist Church Kosciusko	Rev. Bill Nimmmons Sunday School Board Tupelo, Mississippi	Jackson	Tuesday January 30	McArthur Street Baptist Church Pascagoula	James H. Whaley Kentucky Church Training Department	Marshall	Monday January 29	First Baptist Church Holly Springs	Al Price South Carolina Church Training Department	Sharkey-Issa	Thursday February 1	First Baptist Church Rolling Fork	Kermit S. King Mississippi Church Training Department
Benton	Friday February 2	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Al Price South Carolina Church Training Department	Jasper	Monday January 29	Bay Springs Baptist Church Bay Springs	Bob McKee Minister of Education Broadmoor Baptist Church	Mississippi	Monday January 29	Galilee Baptist Church	Don Whitehouse Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Simpson	Tuesday January 30	Simpson Baptist Church Center	Paul W. Peace Georgia Church Training Department
Bolivar	Thursday February 1	Calvary Baptist Church Cleveland	Bill Latham Mississippi Church Training Department	Jeff Davis	Thursday February 1	Prentiss Baptist Church Prentiss	Vernon Cole Kentucky Church Training Department	Monroe	Tuesday January 30	Meadowood Baptist Church Amory	Bill Hardy Minister of Education First Church, Kosciusko	Smith	Monday January 29	First Baptist Church Raleigh	Paul W. Peace Georgia Church Training Department
Calhoun	Tuesday January 30	West Side Baptist Church Bruce	Shaylor Walters South Carolina Church Training Department	Kemper	Friday February 2	DeKalb Baptist Church DeKalb	Marlan Seward Minister of Education Alta Woods Baptist Church	Montgomery	Thursday February 1	North Winona Baptist Church Winona	Glenn Smith Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Sunflower	Friday February 2	Ruleville Baptist Church Ruleville	Bill Latham Mississippi Church Training Department
Carroll	Friday February 2	North Carrollton Baptist Church North Carrollton	Glenn Smith Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Lafayette	Tuesday January 30	First Baptist Church Oxford	Al Price South Carolina Church Training Department	Neshoba	Thursday February 1	First Baptist Church Philadelphia	Waldo Woodcock Georgia Church Training Department	Tallahatchie	Monday January 29	Tutwiler Baptist Church Tutwiler	Norman Rodgers Mississippi Church Training Department
Chickasaw	Tuesday January 30	Parkway Baptist Church Houston	Norman Rodgers Mississippi Church Training Department	Lamar	Friday February 2	Bellevue Baptist Church	Norman Rodgers Mississippi Church Training Department	New Choctaw	Friday February 2	Corinth Baptist Church	Bill Hardy Minister of Education First Church, Kosciusko	Tate	Friday February 2	First Baptist Church Senatobia	Bill Young Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee
Choctaw	Friday February 2	Weir Baptist Church Weir	Rev. Bill Nimmmons First Baptist Church Tupelo, Mississippi	Laurel	Monday January 29	Eastview Baptist Church Laurel	Bill Latham Mississippi Church Training Department	Newton	Tuesday January 30	Hickory Baptist Church Hickory	Leslie Davis Minister of Education Woodland Hills Church	Tippah	Thursday February 1	Springdale Baptist Church	Al Price South Carolina Church Training Department
Clarke	Monday January 29	DeSoto Baptist Church	Vernon Cole Kentucky Church Training Department	Lauderdale	Tuesday January 30	Highland Baptist Church Meridian	Vernon Cole Kentucky Church Training Department	Noxubee	Thursday February 1	First Baptist Church Macon	Rev. Bill Nimmmons First Baptist Church Tupelo, Mississippi	Tishomingo	Friday February 2	Tishomingo Baptist Church Tishomingo	Shaylor Walters South Carolina Church Training Department
Clay	Thursday February 1	West End Baptist Church West Point	Marlan Seward Minister of Education Alta Woods Baptist Church	Lawrence	Monday January 29	Monticello Baptist Church Monticello	Glenn Smith Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Okfuskee	Tuesday January 30	Friendship Baptist Church	Marlan Seward Minister of Education Alta Woods Baptist Church	Union	Thursday February 1	Patton Baptist Church	Don Whitehouse Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee
Copiah	Tuesday January 30	First Baptist Church Hazlehurst	Waldo Woodcock Georgia Church Training Department	Leake	Thursday February 1	First Baptist Church	Paul W. Peace Georgia Church Training Department	Panola	Thursday February 1	North Batesville Baptist Church Batesville	Bill Young Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Union County	Tuesday January 30	Northside Baptist Church New Albany	Luell Smith Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee
Covington	Tuesday January 30	Collins Baptist Church Collins	Mike Morrow Kentucky Church Training Department	Lee	Monday January 29	Auburn Baptist Church	Don Whitehouse Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Pearl River	Thursday February 1	First Baptist Church Poplarville	James H. Whaley Kentucky Church Training Department	Walsh	Tuesday January 30	Tyler Baptist Church Tyler	Glenn Smith Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee
DeSoto	Tuesday January 30	Nesbit Baptist Church Nesbit	Bill Young Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Lebanon	Monday January 29	Temple Baptist Church Hattiesburg	Mike Morrow Kentucky Church Training Department	Perry	Thursday February 1	New Augusta Baptist Church New Augusta	Mike Morrow Kentucky Church Training Department	Warren	Thursday February 1	Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church Vicksburg	Bob McKee Minister of Education Broadmoor Baptist Church
Franklin	Friday February 2	Meadville Baptist Church Meadville	Don Whitehouse Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Lincoln	Monday January 29	Macedonia Baptist Church	Waldo Woodcock Georgia Church Training Department	Pike	Friday February 2	Locust Street Baptist Church	Leslie Davis Minister of Education Woodland Hills Church	Washington	Tuesday January 30	Second Baptist Church Greenville	Bill Latham Mississippi Church Training Department
George	Monday January 29	Rocky Creek Baptist Church Lucedale	Kermit S. King Mississippi Church Training Department	Leflore	Thursday February 1	First Baptist Church Greenwood	Norman Rodgers Mississippi Church Training Department	Pontotoc	Thursday February 1	Midway Baptist Church Pontotoc	Shaylor Walters South Carolina Church Training Department	Wayne	Tuesday January 30	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Bob McKee Minister of Education Broadmoor Baptist Church
Greene	Friday February 2	First Baptist Church Leakeville	Kermit S. King Mississippi Church Training Department	Lowndes	Friday February 2	First Baptist Church	Don Whitehouse Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Prentiss	Thursday February 1	First Baptist Church Booneville	Jeff Futrell South Carolina Church Training Department	Winston	Tuesday January 30	East Louisville Baptist Church Louisville	Rev. Bill Nimmmons First Baptist Church Tupelo, Mississippi
Grenada	Monday January 29	Emmanuel Baptist Church Grenada	Jeff Futrell South Carolina Church Training Department	Madison	Monday January 29	First Baptist Church	Don Whitehouse Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee	Quitman	Thursday February 1	West Marks Baptist Church Marks	Bill Hardy Minister of Education First Church, Kosciusko	Yalobusha	Tuesday January 30	First Baptist Church Coffeeville	Jeff Futrell South Carolina Church Training Department
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